

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

May 16, 2023

Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Supervisor John Jurgensen
- Board Members present: Supervisor John Jurgensen, Treasurer Jean Jurgensen, Clerk Kay Whalen & Trustee Sarah Paisley & Trustee Ron Grabowski.
- Pledge of Allegiance & prayer.

Announcement/Correspondence

- Supervisor John Jurgensen announced a Weather & Warnings system is available for all of Gladwin County at no cost to residents. Sign up with Everbridge/NIXLE by texting 486724 to 888777 or contact the Emergency Management Dept. @ 989-426-6871.
- Supervisor Jurgensen reported the Open Meetings Act meeting would be held May 31st at 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. He encouraged Board members to attend.

County Reports/Special Guests

- Mike Visnaw, County Commissioner, presented a copy of the Sheriff's Department bid for a millage (to be on the August Ballot) stating the need of funds.
- Commissioner Visnaw also reported that there is help for residents with their energy bills and taxes through the MidMichigan Community Action. More information can be obtained by calling 989-426-2801.
- Gladwin County Hazardous Waste Day will be July 29, 2023 (989-426-9231).
- Discussions are continuing over the need for a juvenile detention center.

Public Comment

- None

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- The minutes for April were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Sarah Paisley moved to support and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. All AYES. M/C
- The Special Sherman Township Board Meeting 5/11/23 Minutes were also presented. A mistake on the date was noted by Supervisor Jurgensen who then made a motion to accept with the correction and Trustee Grabowski supported. ALL AYES. M/C

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Warrants

-The warrants were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the warrants. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES. M/C

Clerk's Report

-The Clerk presented the need to purchase additional supplies for the upcoming elections. Clerk Whalen made a motion to purchase the requested election equipment for a cost of \$371.00 and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES. M/C

-Clerk Whalen announced that she had received confirmation that the Township's Security Grant request had been approved and a check is forthcoming.

-Clerk Kay Whalen asked that anyone interested in working the Presidential Elections next year to please contact her. There is an Election Inspector class being held this July 26, 2023; refresher class is from 10-11:30 and the new Inspector class is 1-4pm.

-Clerk Whalen reported that until the State presents a final assessment on the 9 Days of early voting, there is nothing to be discussed at this time.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Clerk's report and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES. M/C

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented her financial report and the Township budget for 2023-2024. Treasurer Jurgensen noted on the financial report that the Huntington Money Fund (both ARPA Funds and a balance in the account) had received Board approval to be used for expenses associated with the Township Expansion.

-Treasurer Jurgensen also presented a copy of the Summer Newsletter which will be included with the summer taxes.

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES. M/C

Trustee's Report

-Trustee Ron Grabowski presented the report on the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting this past month.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Trustees report and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES. M/C

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Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he had received an email from our garbage service stating that the company had been late picking up trash the past week due to the breakdown of their trucks. The issues have been resolved and pick up should return to normal.
- Supervisor Jurgensen presented an estimate from the DeLisle Landscaping & Excavating company for the Grass Lake Subdivision work to be done in July.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that excavating for the Township Expansion will start next week on Monday 5/22/23.
- Supervisor Jurgensen announced that he had looked into recycling; in the pst and it was very expensive.
- Supervisor Jurgensen reported that brining for the Township is scheduled to be done May 31st.
- Clerk Kay Whalen made a motion to accept the Supervisor's report and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES. M/C.

Assessor Report

- Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she has already moved in 2024 evaluations and that she has recently completed the Commercial & Industrial class for Assessing.
- Assessor Cuddie also reported that the Assessment Audit could be any day now.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Assessor's report and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES. M/C.

Blight Report

- Supervisor Jurgensen presented the written report from Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods and there were no questions.

Old Business

- As reported earlier by Clerk Whalen, the Township has received approval on their Election Security Grant and a check is forthcoming.
- Supervisor Jurgensen reported that our request for the PAR Plan Insurance Grant was denied as it was written out versus being typed. He will resubmit the request on the next cycle; August 1st, 2023.
- No information has been made available to the Clerk from the State for a Voting Drop Box order.

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New Business

- Supervisor Jurgensen reported that Congressman John Moolenaar would be hosting a Veterans & Military Resource Fair on May 19th @ 11AM in Big Rapids. Congressman John Moolenaar will be at the Gladwin County Building MAY 25, 2023 from 10-11AM.
- Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to make a 2022/2023 budget adjustment of \$243 with the money being moved from line item 101-958 to line item 253-830 and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES. M/C.
- Supervisor Jurgensen presented a proposal from AAA Plumbing & Heating to add an A/C unit to the Township Hall for the entire building. This item will be discussed at a future date.
- Supervisor Jurgensen presented a quote from ISP (our internet service) regarding Security Cameras for the hall (a security camera is a State requirement for the Voting Box). The system would be installed before next year's elections.
- The 9 day voting plan is still unclear at this time and will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Treasurer Jurgensen asked if there were any questions regarding the 2023/2024 budget and there were none. She pointed out that there is a 2% salary increase for the Assessor and Board Members in the budget along with a new line item to be used for the expenses from the Township Expansion (101-265-971)

Additions to the Agenda

-None

Adjournment

- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM. All AYES. M/C