

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

July 18, 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.

Announcement/Correspondence

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that the Special Law Enforcement Election would be upcoming August 8, 2023.
- Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the Household Hazardous Waste would be held this year at the Department of Public Works @ 201 S. State on July 29th 9am-2pm.

County Reports/Special Guests

- Dave Pettersch, Manager with Gladwin Road Commission, spoke about the millage request for the Road Commission on the August 8, 2023 ballot. He reported that the funds are used for road improvements, bridges, etc.
- Zach Bates with the Conservation District reported the millage renewal for the Conservation District would be used for educational programs aimed at kids. He also said that improvements were in the works to increase the trails at the Community Park just south of Gladwin City Park.

Public Comment

- None

Minutes

- The minutes for the Truth in Taxation (6/20/23) were presented and Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes, Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES; M/C.
- Minutes for the June Regular Township Meeting were presented and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen noted an error. The Clerk recorded the correction and then Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Supervisor John Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES; M/C
- Minutes for the Election Committee Meeting (6/20/23) were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES; M/C

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Warrants

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

Clerk's Report

-Clerk Whalen reported that Election Inspectors for the upcoming August 8, 2023 Election were or would be certified by the day of Election.

-Clerk Whalen presented the Board with a copy of notes from the Cemetery Management meeting she recently attended along with questions to be addressed at the August meeting so that the Township can update fees and Cemetery Ordinance.

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

Treasurer's Report

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented her financial report and there were no questions.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported that she and Deputy Treasurer, Veronica Vickers, will be in the office on August 21st from 10-2pm for In-Person tax collections.

-Supervisor John Jurgensen 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.

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

Supervisor's Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that there is an upcoming summer propane fill and arrangements are being made.

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that he had spoken with three different garbage services to get quotes that included garbage and possibly recycling. He will provide information at the next monthly meeting.

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

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Assessor Report

-Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she passed the 5 year State Assessor's Audit and a report from the state would be forthcoming.

Blight Report

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

Old Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen asked Clerk Whalen for an update on the Election Security Grant Funds and she reported that the funds were received.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he is waiting for the August 1st opening to refile for the PAR Plan Insurance Grant.

-Clerk Kay Whalen reported that the State acknowledged receipt of our request for a Voter Security Box.

-Clerk Whalen reported that a Clerk meeting with the County Clerk to discuss upcoming Election information would be held July 19, 2023. Hopefully, the County will present a sample 9 DAY EARLY VOTING contract for the Board to consider.

New Business

-Clerk Whalen presented two additional Election Inspectors as one of the previous approved Inspectors dropped out due to illness.

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to accept the additions and Supervisor Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the current listings under foreclosure from the County Treasurer's office.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to not purchase any of the properties and Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES; M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that in checking with other Townships, our Cemetery Fees were low. Earlier in the meeting, Clerk Whalen presented information to address this along with Ordinance changes that should be made. This will be discussed at the August Meeting.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that our Deputy Drain Commissioner recently submitted a Resolution to the Township regarding work that would take place, mainly south of Sherman Township, in the Round Lake Drainage District. It would affect some our residents and from previous information received from the Drain

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Commissioner's office it appeared that any costs would be provided by a Grant received; however, in recent updated correspondence it appears there will be costs to those residents. Supervisor Jurgensen was unable to get specific information on this point before our meeting tonight.

-Supervisor Jurgensen then read the Resolution in its entirety and asked Board members to vote on whether to accept the Resolution or not.

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen took Roll Call of the Board:

John Jurgensen.....NO
Kay Whalen.....NO
Sarah Paisley.....NO
Ron Grabowski.....NO
Jean Jurgensen.....NO

The Resolution failed.

Additions to the Agenda

-Mike Visnaw went over the issues on the upcoming August 8, 2023 ballot and encouraged voters to come out and vote.

Adjournment

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Clerk Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM. All AYES. M/C