

# Sherman Township Regular Meeting

## August 15, 2023

### **Minutes**

-Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor John Jurgensen  
-Board Members present: Supervisor John Jurgensen, Deputy Treasurer Veronica Vickers, Clerk Kay Whalen, Trustee Sarah Paisley & Trustee Ron Grabowski. Absent: Treasurer Jean Jurgensen.

### **Announcement/Correspondence**

-Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that Treasurer Jean Jurgensen was ill and the currently scheduled tax collections at the Townhall for 8/21 & 9/14 have been cancelled. Residents can continue to mail in their taxes or they can go directly to the County Treasurer office in Gladwin to make their payment.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that Board Members were invited to attend the Gladwin County Meeting scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup> between 8-9 at The Riverwalk; a breakfast is included.

### **County Reports/Special Guests**

-County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, reported on the last Commissioners meeting. He announced that AT&T, through the BEAD Program, is going to eventually provide a 100% access to internet service to all residents within the next two years.

-Deputy Drain Commissioner, Lucy Zeestraten, presented the plans from the Drain Commission for cleaning out the drains that are part of the Round Lake Drain. A discussion with the Board and residents presented the following points:

1. Ms. Zeestraten forgot to bring a copy of the map but was able to confirm where the work would begin and end for a total of 1/4 mile.
2. Total cost stated in the contract was for \$53,000 to be divided among residents along the drain; with three residents who would sustain a major individual cost. However; during the discussion, Ms. Zeestraten stated that the actual cost could be lower than

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Presented at next months meeting and Deputy Treasurer Vickers supported. ALL AYES; M/C

### **Clerk's Report**

-Clerk Whalen reported that the Special Law Enforcement Election went well and there were no issues.

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

### **Treasurer's Report**

-Due to Treasurer Jean Jurgensen's illness, Supervisor Jurgensen provided a report of the current bank balances until Jean's return.

### **Trustee's Report**

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

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Trustee's Report and Deputy Treasurer Veronica Vickers supported. ALL AYES; M/C

### **Supervisor Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the Township's propane tank was recently filled.

-Supervisor Jurgensen has received quotes from GFL Garbage and is still waiting for the Waste Management and Sunrise quotes which he will present at next months meeting.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the Grass Lake Road project has been completed.

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

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### **Adjournment**

Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

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### **Assessor's Report**

-Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she will begin work in the Blue Lake area soon.

### **Blight Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the current list of Blight properties as reported by Jon Freier-Woods, Blight Officer, and noted that two of the properties are in the process of going into foreclosure.

### **Old Business**

-Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that he has not applied for the PAR Plan Insurance Grant and has until September 15<sup>th</sup>.

-Clerk Whalen reported that we are confirmed with the state to receive a voting drop box but has not yet received details for a delivery date.

-Clerk Whalen presented the final 9 day early voting contract between the County and the Township to conduct the State and Federal 9 Day Early Voting (as required by the state) at the County offices. The Board held a discussion on the merits of the contract then Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the 9 Day Early Voting Contract and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES; M/C and the contract was signed.

-Clerk Whalen requested that we shelve the discussion on Cemetery fees & Ordinance until the next meeting

### **New Business**

-Assessor Cuddie discussed the request she received to split a property. Deputy Treasurer Veronica Vickers made a motion to accept the request to split the property and Supervisor Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

-Clerk Whalen presented a bid from Oakridge Tree Service to remove 2 oaks that have developed oak wilt along with another dying tree in the Cemetery. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the removal of trees and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES' M/C.

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\$40,000. The lower amount was based upon a drain project currently underway and the Drain Commission expects there to be money left over that can be applied to our total; therefore, lowering the cost from \$53,000 to below \$40,000. It should be noted that this is not a guarantee that our over total would be reduced.

3. Also listed in the contract was the amount of time the Drain Commission would set for the collection of the funds. The time could be anywhere from 5 yrs to 9 yrs but, Miss Zeestraten was unable to confirm the amount of time that would be set. She stated that was still to be determined.

Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to vote on the Drain Commission's Resolution and Deputy Treasurer Veronica Vickers took the roll call:

Supervisor, John Jurgensen/	NO
Clerk, Kay Whalen	/ NO
Trustee, Sarah Paisley	/ NO
Trustee, Ron Grabowski	/ NO
Deputy Treasurer	/ NO

The vote was unanimous and the Resolution was again voted down.

### **Public Comment**

-None

### **Minutes**

- Minutes for the July Regular Township Meeting were presented.
- Trustee Sarah Paisley made a motion to accept the Minutes and Supervisor John Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

### **Warrants**

- The Warrants were presented and Clerk Kay Whalen noted that the Board's salaries were recorded incorrectly.
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept with corrections to be