

# Sherman Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations

1. Cemetery lots or burial spaces will be sold only to residents or taxpayers of the Township for the purpose of the burial of such purchasers. The Township Clerk, however, is hereby granted the authority to vary the afford said restriction on sales where the purchaser disclosed enough personal reason for burial within the township through previous residence in the township or relationship to persons interred therein. The Sherman Township Clerk is hereby granted the authority to oversee the day-to-day operations of the cemetery.
2. All such sales will be made on a form approved by the Township Board, which grants a right of burial only and does not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Such form will be executed by the Township Clerk.
3. Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots or burial spaces within the Township Cemetery. Proof of ownership and a notarized letter of agreement is required. Upon such assignment, approval, and record, said clerk will issue a new burial deed to the assignee and will cancel and terminate upon such records, the original deed thus assigned.
4. The Township will repurchase any cemetery lot or burial space from the owner for the original price paid the Township upon written request of a said owner or his legal heirs or representatives. The owner may not sell to another individual. The Township may limit its' purchases in any fiscal year to a budgeted amount.
5. Only one person may be buried in a grave site (plot) except for (1) one adult and one infant, (2) two infants/children, (3) four cremations, (4) one regular and one cremation. There are no Green Burials or scattering of ashes. **The Township Clerk shall be notified at least 36 hours prior to all burials.**
6. All graves shall be opened and closed by a Township Designated Sexton. The Township shall not be held responsible for the grave preparation unless a **thirty-six (36) hour notice has been given.**
7. Specifications for installation of markers are as follows: The foundation shall be at least two (2) inches wider and two (2) inches longer than the marker resting upon it, and six (6) inches in depth. Foundation placement must be approved by the Township Clerk.
8. Only one above ground monument, marker, or memorial shall be permitted to each burial space. All additional monuments on the same burial space must be flush mounted.

9. All monuments shall be centered on the foundation at the head of the grave in line with existing monuments.
  
10. All surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited. No enclosure shall be permitted around plots. Any obstructions that hinder proper burial or upkeep of the cemetery will be removed, such as, shrubs, trees, walks, decorations, etc.
  
11. The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any trees, plants, or shrubs with the cemetery in the interest of safety and maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
  
12. All winter decorations and personal items must be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and all summer decorations and personal items must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Spring clean-up will be between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup>. The Township may remove flowers, wreaths, blankets, pillows, personal items, etc. as needed. All funeral flowers must be removed within ten (10) days of the funeral, otherwise they will be removed and discarded.
  
13. The Township shall not be held liable for loss, breakage, or cleaning of monuments. The Township shall not be held liable for the loss or breakage of floral pieces, baskets, pots, frames, or personal items, etc.
  
14. The local health officer must approve any disinterment or re-interment requests. (Section 2853 of the Public Health Code).
  
15. The Township Board shall set all fees for lots and burials within The Sherman Township Cemetery and they shall be amended and updated by the Board.
  
16. The Township hereby expressly reserves the right to adopt additional Rules and Regulations or to amend, alter, or repeal any rule, regulation, paragraph or sentence in these Rules and Regulations, at any time. No lot or space owner shall have any vested right in the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

These Rules and Regulations were adopted on July 29, 2003 and amended and updated on October 17, 2023.

BY ORDER OF THE SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor: John Jurgensen

Signature: 

Clerk: Kay Whalen

Signature: 

# Sherman Township Regular Meeting September 19, 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 there will be an Election for the Special Law Enforcement millage on November 7, 2023.

## **County Reports/Special Guests**

-County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw discussed the Gladwin County budget shortfall that is going to be approximately between \$1.9-\$2.2 million by the end of the year if the Millage is not approved in November. 62% will be going to Law Enforcement and 38% will be used to reimburse the County who has been supplementing law enforcement expenses for several years.

-Commissioner Visnaw also reported that there is going to be an online County Auction getting rid of vehicles/equipment. No date available at this time.

## **Public Comment**

-None

## **Minutes**

-Supervisor John Jurgensen presented the Special Board Minutes of 9/14/23 concerning the approval for the purchase of Security Cameras for the hall. He then made a motion to accept the minutes and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported the motion. ALL AYES. M/C

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- The Regular Monthly minutes from last month were also presented.
- Trustee Ron Grabowski made a motion to accept and Supervisor Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

### **Warrants**

Revised Warrants for August were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the report and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES. M/C. The September Warrants were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES, M/C.

### **Clerk's Report**

- Clerk Whalen reported that the 9-Day Early Voting Contract with the County has been signed by the County and a copy returned to the Township. A check for \$5,000.00 was written out this month per the contract agreement.
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report and Trustee supported. ALL AYES: M/C

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Supervisor Jurgensen provided a report from Treasurer Jean Jurgensen on the current status of the Township's finances. There were no questions.
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the Clerk 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 Trustee's Report and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

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### **Supervisor Report**

-None

### **Assessor's Report**

-None

### **Blight Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen gave the blight report on behalf of Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods. There were no questions.

### **Old Business**

-None

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-PAR Plan. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Supervisor Jurgensen was unable to file for the previous grant; however, he was advised that the Township qualified to request funds toward the purchase of Security Cameras for the hall. A special Meeting was held (see Special Meeting 9/14/23 notes) and the Board approved the request. Supervisor Jurgensen immediately filed for the grant.

-No news received from the State on the status of the Voting Drop Box being installed.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to set up a meeting for October 10<sup>th</sup> @6:30 for the Board to hold a workshop to make changes in the ordinance and fees for the Cemetery. Clerk Whalen seconded the motion. M/C

### **New Business**

-Hall Rental fees have been \$150 with \$75 set up for the actual hall rental fee and \$75 as a deposit; with the deposit being returned if the hall is left cleaned.

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-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to increase the hall rental fee to \$100 and \$100 deposit. Trustee Ron Grabowski supports. ALL AYES. M/C  
-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-06 to increase the special assessment with Grass Lake Roads to \$1.14 per equivalent front foot up from \$1.04. Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Deputy Treasurer, Veronica Vickers held roll call:

Ron Grabowski.....AYE  
Sarah Paisley.....AYE  
John Jurgensen.....AYE  
Kay Whalen.....AYE

Absent: Treasurer, Jean Jurgensen. ALL AYES. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-07 to accept the Waste Collection bid from GFL. A discussion was held and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Deputy Treasurer, Veronica Vickers held roll call:

John Jurgensen.....AYE  
Kay Whalen.....AYE  
Ron Grabowski.....AYE  
Sarah Paisley.....AYE

Absent: Treasurer, Jean Jurgensen. ALL AYES. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-08 to accept the Lake Lochbrae Weed Control special assessment of \$386 for each waterfront parcel owner and \$193 each owner with lake access. Trustee Ron Grabowski Supported and Deputy Treasurer, Veronica Vickers held roll call:

Sarah Paisley.....AYE  
Kay Whalen.....AYE  
Ron Grabowski.....AYE  
John Jurgensen.....AYE

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Absent: Treasurer, Jean Jurgensen. ALL AYES. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-09 to accept the Lake Lockbrae Dam Repair & Maintenance special assessment. This would increase waterfront parcel owner fees to \$39 annually and owners with lake access fees to \$19. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Deputy Treasurer, Veronica Vickers held roll call:

Kay Whalen.....AYE  
Ron Grabowski.....AYE  
John Jurgensen.....AYE  
Sarah Paisley.....AYE

Absent: Treasurer, Jean Jurgensen. ALL AYES. M/C

**Adjournment**

Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.