

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

October 17, 2023

Minutes

-Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm 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 there will be an Election for the Special Law Enforcement millage on November 7, 2023 for 1.5 mills over the next 6 years.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced the upcoming Council of Local Governments meeting being held October 30th at the Butman Township Hall.

County Reports/Special Guests

-County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, reported that there is an overage in charges for work being done on the Lake Reservoirs and has pushed the project back another year.

-Commissioner Visnaw spent time discussing the upcoming Law Enforcement Election and the importance of passing it so that the Sheriff's office and County Offices can continue operating without layoffs.

-Rick Fancon, GFL Garbage Service General Manager, attended the meeting to present the Board with a copy of their services and to sign the contract that the Board approved last month. He stated that garbage bins will start being delivered at the end of the year and those residents with "Bear-Proof" bins can also expect their service to not be interrupted. A copy of their services and service dates will be attached to each bin as it is delivered.

-Superintendent of Gladwin Community Schools, Mr. Chuck Frisbie, reported that the school system had overcharged residents from 2020-2022 for school operating costs on second homes. In order to correct the overage, the school system will reduce the tax levy on the 2024 Summer Tax Bill for

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those effected by the error. Mr. Frisbee also said that if someone had sold a non-homesteaded home within the past three (3) years, the school system would reimburse them separately.

Public Comment

-None

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-Supervisor John Jurgensen presented the Special Election Committee Minutes of 9/19/23 concerning the approval for Election Inspectors. Trustee Sarah Paisley moved to accept minutes from the Special Election Committee meeting and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES: M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the minutes from last month's minutes and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen moved to accept and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Special Board Meeting Minutes on the Rules & Regulations along with the new fee structure for the Cemetery and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES: M/C

Warrants

-Revised Warrants for September were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the report and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. ALL AYES. M/C.

-October Warrants were presented and Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES: M/C

Clerk's Report

-Clerk Whalen reported that upon follow up, she was advised that the Absentee Voter Box order had been lost by the state, but was quickly reinstated.

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- Clerk Kay Whalen announced that the Township had received a credit memo from a return to Election Source and that the credit would be used toward a new order for Election Items needed for the 2024 Elections.
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Clerk's Report and Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES: M/C

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Jurgensen provided her monthly financial report of Township funds and there were no questions.
- 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.
- Trustee Sarah Paisley asked about a future rental and dates available with a resident.
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Trustee's Reports and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. ALL AYES; M/C

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.

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Old Business

-PAR Plan. Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the determination of grant money will be at the end of October so the Township will learn at next month's meeting if the Township's request was awarded for the purchase of security cameras.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the recent changes to the Cemetery Rules & Regulations along with a new Fee Structure. Trustee Ron Grabowski supported. ALL AYES: M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that a copy of the recently updated Cemetery Rules & Regulations would be posted at the Cemetery along with copies of our new fee structure being given to local funeral homes. A copy of the Rules & Regulations will be posted to the Township Website.

-Supervisor Jurgensen led a discussion on adding an air conditioning and replacing the current Hall flooring to match with the hall expansion flooring as discussed at previous meetings. Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to accept and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. A Board vote was held with 4 AYES & 1 NAY. M/C

New Business

-As noted above under Special Guests, Rick Fancon, General Manager of GFL Garbage Service presented the Board with a final copy of the contract for approval. Each resident will be assessed \$12.80 per resident/per month for garbage service.

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

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen reported that she needed approval to move funds to cover overages in the budget. Attached to the minutes are the requests Treasurer Jurgensen requested.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to approve the funds and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES: M/C

Adjournment

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.