

Sherman Township Regular Meeting December 19, 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. Absent: Trustee Ron Grabowski.

Announcement/Correspondence

- Supervisor Jurgensen invited everyone to enjoy the holiday treats before the meeting began.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen explained some of the requirements for anyone wishing to run for a Board Position. Further information and/or packets to run for office are available through the Clerk.
- Supervisor Jurgensen reported that our garbage service will switch over to GFL as of January 1, 2024 and residents have been in the process of receiving new garbage containers.

County Reports/Special Guests

- County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, reported that the Sheriff's office gave the current (10) deputies bonuses as part of the retention program that was initiated once the Special Law Enforcement millage passed. This is designed to retain the current staff without further losses to other law enforcement agencies.
- The S&P ratings for the County increased from (AA-) to (AA+).
- The Sheriff's office is currently trying to fill 2 vacant deputy positions.
- The County is hiring a Grant Writer for 10 hours a week in an effort to seek out available grant monies to help with County expenses. Townships may be allowed to use the Grant Writer.
- Commissioner Visnaw also reported that the courthouse established a security manual and is increasing security at the courthouse.

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Public Comments

-None.

Minutes

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the minutes from last month's minutes and an error was noted. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to approve the minutes with correction and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Supervisor Jurgensen supported. All AYES: M/C

Warrants

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented November Warrants and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen pointed out 3 checks which were discussed; costs of the Treasurer's new laptop & software and the cost to restore lost computer information for the clerk and connect a new printer. Supervisor Jurgensen moved to accept the warrants and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

Clerk's Report

-Clerk Whalen asked anyone interested in working the Presidential 2024 Elections to please contact her.

-Clerk Whalen announced that anyone in the Township interested in running for one of the Board positions next year can pick up a packet that contains necessary paperwork and instructions.

-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 monthly financial report of Township funds. There were no questions.

-Treasurer Jurgensen announced that she will be conducting an "in person" tax collection on January 15th from 10-2 at the Townhall.

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-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Supervisor John Jurgensen supported. All AYES: M/C

Trustee's Report

-Trustee Ron Grabowski was absent this month and Supervisor Jurgensen handed out the minutes from the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting.

-One item noted was that the new fire truck delivery has been delayed.

-Clerk Whalen made a motion to accept the Trustee's Report and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. All AYES: M/C

Supervisor Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen passed our copies of the 2024 Gladwin County Road Commission meeting dates.

-Supervisor Jurgensen noted that if someone was considering a wind and/or solar renewable energy contract they should understand that the land is not sold to these entities but rather leased; meaning that once the contract runs out (unless specified in the contract) the cleanup is on the home owner.

-It should also be noted that the property value and surrounding property values will be affected.

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

Assessor's Report

-Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she had received a request from a homeowner to remove garbage assessment on the tax bill as the structure was unlivable.

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen made a motion to remove garbage service from Parcel 140-077-000-279-00, 5311 Joan Street, owned by Helen Wright as it is a non-livable dwelling from the 2023 winter taxes. Clerk Whalen supported the motion. All AYES: M/C

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-Assessor Cuddie noted that several residents in the Township are putting in buildings without obtaining permits and even free standing aluminum buildings require a permit.

Blight Report

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the Blight Report on behalf of Blight Officer, Jon Freier-Woods and announced there would be no further reports until May 2024.

Old Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the Township will receive up to \$2500 from the PAR Plan Grant which will be used toward the purchase and installation of security cameras at the Hall.

-Supervisor Jurgensen pointed out the new Absent Voter Box that the Township has received and noted that it will be installed by next month.

New Business

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that there will be a Board of Review Training class for all Board of Review members on January 29th, 2024.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to approve sending the entire Board of Review & Secretary of the BOR to the training which is to be held in Houghton Lake @ \$60/per person on 1/29/24. Clerk Whalen supported the motion. All AYES: M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen then presented the 2024 Sherman Township Monthly Meeting Schedule and made a motion to accept the dates. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen discussed budget adjustments of \$1284.37 to cover expenses over budget. These were as follows:

*101-100-727 Hall Office Supplies.....\$25.79 to cover overage for Costs of new general fund checks & tax deposit books

*101-100-820.5 Gladwin County Drain Commission.....\$873.58 for Overage costs for Round Lake Drain at Large Assessment

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*101-215-830 Clerk Contract Services.....\$385.00 overage costs
For clerk printer & laptop repair

-Treasurer Jurgensen made a motion to move the additional funds noted above from the contingency fund for \$1,284.37 and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

Adjournment

Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

COUNTY OF GLADWIN
Public Notice of Early Voting Site Locations

To All Qualified Electors in the following Jurisdictions: the City of Beaverton and the Townships of Beaverton, Bentley, Billings, Bourret, Buckeye, Butman, Clement, Gladwin, Grim, Grout, Hay, Sage, Secord, and Sherman.

Please take notice that the location of the Early Voting site for all federal and statewide election dates for your township or city will be:

Gladwin County Building, 3rd Floor.
401 W Cedar Ave.,
Gladwin, MI, 48624

Early Voting will be held: **Saturday February 17th - Sunday, February 25th**
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registered voters of the City of Gladwin and Tobacco Township should contact their local clerk for Early Voting information.

All Election Day voting will be held at your local jurisdictions.

Karrie Hulme,
Gladwin County Clerk