

# Sherman Township Regular Meeting

## January 16, 2024

### **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 announced that April 23, 2024 is the registration deadline to run for township office. All Board positions are up for election next November. Contact the Clerk for more information.
- Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the February 27<sup>th</sup> election is a Presidential Primary and there is a Gladwin School Bond Proposal.
- Supervisor Jurgensen announced the next In-Person tax collection dates at the Hall are February 14<sup>th</sup> and again on February 29<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM both days.

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

- County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, reported that the Circuit Court of Gladwin shares Judges with Clare County. He also reported that due to a recent job vacancy the County will be saving \$18,000.00 .
- Commissioner Visnaw reported that the Sheriff's office is in the process of hiring more staff.
- Commissioner Visnaw reported that the County has hired a grant writer.

### **Public Comments**

- None

### **Minutes**

- Supervisor Jurgensen presented the minutes from last month's meeting.

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-Trustee Sarah Paisley made a motion to accept the Minutes and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. All AYES: M/C

### **Warrants**

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented December Warrants then made a motion to accept the warrants and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

### **Clerk's Report**

-Clerk Whalen announced that there will be an Open Registration on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 4PM for anyone who has not yet registered to vote and anyone wishing to pick up an Absentee Ballot.

-Clerk Whalen also explained that anyone on the Permanent Ballot List who had not yet responded to the recent request (mailed on 12/29/24) to receive a ballot of their choice will automatically receive a Local Ballot.

-Clerk Whalen reported that W-2's & 1099's will be mailed later this month.

-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.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported that the Township received a Swamp Tax and Constitutional Sales Tax from the State of Michigan.

-Treasurer Jurgensen reported that our credit union, MFCU, had a "vendor outage" and we have been unable to get a paper copy of December's transactions.

-Treasurer Jurgensen also announced that the road assessment for the Grass Lake did not appear on the recent Winter Tax bill but that the amount listed for taxes were correct. The assessment did not appear on the bill itself because the County Equalization Department (who generates the

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bills for the Township) ran out of room to list that item. Treasurer Jurgensen asked County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, to look into that for the Township so this doesn't happen again in the future.

-Upon receiving the latest bill from Hardwood Hills for the Township Expansion, Treasurer Jurgensen reported that it was accurate per the contract.

-Treasurer Jurgensen asked if there were any questions and there were none.

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

### **Trustee's Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen handed out the minutes from the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting. One item to note was that the Insurance Office Services (IOS) recently upgraded the Gladwin Fire Department from a Class 5 to a Class 4 which should provide an adjustment to local businesses insurance policies. It may help our residents.

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

### **Supervisor Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that GFL had been in contact to say that there had been a slight delay in some areas for pickup due to recent weather conditions, but that those would be picked up on the next normal pickup date.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the new flooring was almost completed and that the company had come in \$500.00 under their original bid.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that there is an Initiative by Citizens for Local Choice for anyone interested in repealing the recent zoning laws put in place by the state of Michigan allowing for Wind and Solar Farms to be established. If you wish to add your name to a petition, you can do so by going online to [citizensforlocalchoice@gmail.com](mailto:citizensforlocalchoice@gmail.com) or contact Jenell Leonard at 517-268-0889.

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

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### **Assessor**

-None

### **Blight Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced there would be no further reports until Spring 2024.

### **Old Business**

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he is getting a quote to pour the concrete for the new Absentee Voter Box to be installed.

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that the Security Cameras have not been installed but will follow up with ISP (installers).

-Board of Review Training for our current Board of Review staff will take place January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 12PM.

### **New Business**

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented the 2024 Poverty Resolution where the rates for qualifying were increased. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept Poverty Resolution 2024-01 and Clerk Whalen supported. All AYES. M/C

-Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to add garbage service for Parcel 140-022-300-002-01, 4670 Shaw Road, owned by Darren S. & Marisol Hannah and Parcel 140-027-202-001-01, 4450 Shaw Road, owned by Dan & Linda Willett Jr. and Clerk Whalen supported. All AYES. M/C

-Trustee Ron Grabowski submitted his resignation due to health issues. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the resignation with regret and Clerk Whalen supported. All AYES. M/C

-The Board will appoint a new Trustee to finish Ron Grabowski's term at the next Board Meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

