

# Sherman Township Regular Meeting

## April 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, Trustee Keith Good.

### **Announcement/Correspondence**

- Supervisor Jurgensen announced that the registration deadline to run for a township office is April 23, 2024. See the Township Clerk for information.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that bringing of County roads will be done on May 29<sup>th</sup> & July 9<sup>th</sup> this year.

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

- County Commissioner, Mike Visnaw, reported that the Sheriff's office has been fully staffed thanks to the Special Election Vote last November 2023 and that a 1 new deputy will join the staff after finishing school in August.
- State Representative, Mike Hoadley, was here to the Township celebrate Ron Grabowski's 29 years of service serving on the Board and the residents of Sherman. He presented Ron with a plaque and Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to break so everyone could help Ron celebrate with refreshments provided by the Board Members. Supervisor Jurgensen thanked Ron for his service and called the meeting back to order at 7:03pm.

### **Public Comments**

- Constance Thurlow White announced she would be running for The Gladwin County Clerk position as a Republican.

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- Supervisor Jurgensen presented the March 20, 2024 Sherman Township

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Regular Meeting Minutes and made a motion to accept the Minutes. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES: M/C

### **Warrants**

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

### **Clerk's Report**

-Clerk Kay Whalen announced that anyone planning to run for office and had not yet returned their paperwork to her by April 23<sup>rd</sup> would not be eligible to run. The County Office has explained that they are not accepting paperwork; that it must be turned into the local clerk.

-Clerk Whalen reported that the paperwork for the reimbursement of holding the Primary Election of February 27, 2024 had been filed with the State and the amount expected back to the Township is \$6,102.70. She also reported that an extra check was paid to MML / Workman's Compensation in error and we were due a refund for \$336.00.

-Clerk Whalen reported that paperwork for reimbursement from the State for Security Camera's on Election Voter Box and costs for installation were filed in the amount of \$1,839.95 due back to the Township.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Clerk's report and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. ALL Ayes; M/C

### **Treasurer's Report**

-Treasurer Jean Jurgensen presented the monthly financial report of Township funds as of April 30, 2024. There were no questions.

-She also stated that the annual report for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) through the State and Local Recovery Funds Program (SLFRFP) portal was submitted on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The deadline was April 30<sup>th</sup>. Even though the ARPA funds have been depleted on the new hall addition, the

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report must be filed each year of 2025 & 2026. Failure to submit the reports will cause the Township to return the funds received to the State of Michigan.

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

### **Trustee's Report**

-Trustee Sarah Paisley reported that there is a Hall Rental the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

-Trustee Keith Good presented the minutes from the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting and noted that the Fire Hall would be getting a new Kitchen/Dining area.

-Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Trustee's reports and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES. M/C

### **Supervisor Report**

-Supervisor Jurgensen gave an update on the current status of the Blight Report.

-Supervisor Jurgensen announced that two new cameras were installed per last month's vote in the hall and pointed them out to those in attendance. He also noted that the memory for the cameras was increased so that the Township would have more time to recover camera evidence if needed.

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that no money has yet been received from the PAR Grant that we have been approved for but hopes it will come shortly.

-Supervisor Jurgensen said that 6 new road signs had been put up on Grass Lake Roads.

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

### **Assessor**

-None.

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### **Blight**

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he and Blight Officer John Freir-Woods went to properties that were still on the list from fall and there were 2 or 3 that had made improvements and were subsequently removed from the list; however, there are still some not improved and new properties added. Those that were from the fall list have until May 5<sup>th</sup> to resolve the issues noted or they will be ticketed.

### **Old Business**

-Supervisor John Jurgensen announced that the Township Hall Air Conditioning installation and costs had increased by \$106.00 from our original bid due to cost increases and asked the Board to reapprove the new bid. Supervisor Jurgensen reported that he had requested funds from Gladwin Community Foundation to help pay for the air conditioner and the Township received \$2,000.00. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to accept the bid and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. ALL AYES. M/C

-Jim Daniels presented a report on the continued efforts to improve and increase the availability of Broadband Internet, which is currently available to schools and government offices. There is a meeting being held April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Gladwin Junior High School @ 6pm to test for broadband in our township.

### **New Business**

-Supervisor Jurgensen presented a bid from a new cleaning service, Leslie & Jill, to do a, one time, deep cleaning for \$400.00. Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to hire the ladies and Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. Four AYES; one NAY. M/C

-Supervisor Jurgensen reported that Grace Fellowship Church has requested to be assessed for 2 garbage pickups from GFL. He made a motion to accept the request, which will be assessed this winter, and Trustee Keith Good supported. ALL AYES. M/C

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- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion to add additional shelving to the storage room at a cost of \$343.29 from Uline and Treasurer Jean Jurgensen supported. Four AYES; one NAY. M/C
- Supervisor Jurgensen made a motion that the Board hold the first Budget Workshop May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM and Clerk Whalen supported. ALL AYES. M/C

### **Adjournment**

- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Clerk Kay Whalen supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.