

Sherman Township Regular Meeting

July 16, 2024

Minutes

- Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor John Jurgensen.
- Board Members present: Supervisor John Jurgensen, Treasurer Mary Schocknesse, Trustee Sarah Paisley, Trustee Keith Good.
- Board member absent: Clerk Kay Whalen. Deputy Clerk Danielle Krzyaniak sat in for Clerk Kay Whalen.

Announcements/ Correspondence

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that the Gladwin County Hazardous Waste day is August 03. A commonly asked question was about wheels and tires; individuals can bring up to 4 tires, WITHOUT rims. Any other questions, individuals should call the number listed on the flyer (989-426-9231).

County Reports/ Special Guests

- County Commissioner Mike Visnaw reported on the Gladwin County Hazardous Waste day. Reported from a county meeting on group leasing property and solar farms in Gladwin County; can provide a printout of slides from meeting to whomever is interested. There was a special meeting Tuesday morning July 09, 2024 to approve facility with 7 other counties concerning Material Management plan with a grant from the state. The county must renew Material Management plan. Commissioner Mike Visnaw also reported on eventual mandated recycling and mentioned disgruntled attendees of other township meetings regarding reporting on lack of transparency. Commissioner Mike

Visnaw reports what information he has received from the Michigan Association of Counties and that people from the public are welcome to attend the Board of Commissioner's Meetings for more information.

- Supervisor John Jurgensen asked if there would be any financing available for the mandatory recycling. Commissioner Mike Visnaw said no.
- Commissioner Mike Visnaw explained that likely mandatory recycling would be at-curb for larger population counties and smaller population counties would have centralized recycling that will need to be transported to a facility. Isabella County already has a facility to be used for recycling however there would need to be a fee for transportation. There is a \$60,000 grant for the Material Management Plan to include recycling.

Special Guests

- County Commissioner Mike Visnaw announces he is running unopposed as a registered republican for a 4 year term as County Commissioner.
- Ann-Manning Clayton, current Register of Deeds announced her bid to run in August for a second term as Register of Deeds and presented qualifications. Invited the public to attend a Meet the Candidates event at the Riverwalk Hotel at 6:30PM tomorrow, 17 July 2024.
- County Clerk Karrie Hulme announced her bid to run again for County Clerk with opposition. Clerk Karrie Hulme presented her qualifications.
- Sherman Township Treasurer announced she is running opposed for the Sherman Township Treasurer position.
- Trustee Keith Good announced he is running to maintain his position for Township Trustee.

- Trustee Sarah Paisley announced she is running again to maintain position as Township Trustee. Trustee Sarah Paisley explained that her paperwork to be on the ballot was submitted late and she would be a write-in for the August election.

Public Comments

- Commissioner Mike Visnaw pointed out that Township Clerk Kay Whalen was running for the Clerk position and Supervisor John Jurgensen confirmed that Clerk Kay Whalen is running and on the ballot for the Township Clerk position.

Minutes

- The June 18, 2024 General Appropriations Act & Budget Truth in Taxation Resolution Hearing 2024-2025 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sarah Paisley supported. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).
- The June 18, 2024 Sherman Township Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed and Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the minutes. Supervisor John Jurgensen points out the approval of warrants with presented corrections and all board members have copies of June 18, 2024 corrected warrants. Trustee Sarah Paisley supports. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).
- The May 28, 2024 Special Sherman Township Meeting to Appoint an Interim Treasurer Meeting Minutes were reviewed. Trustee Sarah Paisley questions the date for the minutes and all board members concur that the date is correct. Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Keith Good supports. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Warrants

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reiterates that the June 18, 2024 Warrants corrections were approved.
- Presentation of July 16, 2024 Warrants. Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve. Trustee Sarah Paisley supports. Treasurer Mary Schocknesse seconds. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Clerk's Report

- Deputy Clerk Danielle Krzyaniak informed the public that 151 Absentee Voter Ballots were mailed out for the upcoming election.
- It was explained that Clerk Kay Whalen reported a few months back about an error for the reimbursement to the township from the State for the February Election. Clerk Kay Whalen had previously reported that the Township would be receiving \$6,102.70, however she was contacted by the Bureau of Elections that 1 error had been made and to send corrections by July 11, 2024. Clerk Kay Whalen met with County Clerk Karrie Hulme to determine that after the correction the Township was due back \$7,482.70, an increase of \$1,380. Clerk Whalen supplied the Bureau of Elections the correct amount on the line item in question and included documentation to support the change.
- The public was advised that the Township's Public Accuracy Testing date is Thursday, August 01, 2024 at 2 PM. A public notice is posted to the bulletin board outside and anyone is welcome to attend.

- Clerk Kay Whalen will be at the Township Hall on Saturday, August 03, 2024 before the election date of August 06, 2024 for any Sherman Township resident who wishes to pick up an Absentee Ballot or register to vote. A public notice regarding this has been placed on the bulletin board outside.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Deputy Clerk's report and Treasurer Mary Schocknesse seconds. All AYES, Clerk Whalen (absent).

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Mary Schocknesse presented the monthly financial report and there were no questions.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Sarah Paisley supports. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Trustee's Report

- Trustee Sarah Paisley reported that she is still working on estimates for the Hall.
- Trustee Keith Good presented the minutes from the Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District meeting.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve the Trustee's reports and Treasurer Mary Schocknesse supports. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Supervisor's Report

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that the roads were not brined and rain had delayed grading the roads.
- Called Heintz Propane to check on tax exempt status and the Township is tax exempt.
- Contacted Bob North regarding the Township Hall being a Heating & Cooling center and has not heard back.
- Contacted GFL about garbage pickup regarding resident complaints.
- Iterated that the board needs a Supervisor candidate for elections in November with replacement taking over December 01, 2024. Stated November will be his last meeting as Township Supervisor. He has not found someone to replace him and reiterated that it is not his responsibility to find his replacement and urged for someone to step up.
- Trustee Sarah Paisley made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Report and Trustee Keith Good supported. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Assessor

- Assessor Corey Cuddie reported that she had nothing to add.
- Board of Review meeting being held at 7:30 PM for anyone with an error on their taxes or for poverty exemptions.

Blight

- Supervisor John Jurgensen presented the July Blight report for Blight Officer Jon Freier-Woods. Noted some improvements made on Round Lake Rd.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve the Blight Report and Treasurer Mary Schocknesse supports. All AYES Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Old Business

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported on replacing toilets for the Township Hal, ceiling insulation, and for LED lighting and has submitted a grant to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.
- Gave credit to Department Program Manager Josh Kirk for excellent correspondence and assistance with filling out the grant form. Emailed Josh Kirk today for an update and Kirk has not heard back.
- The grant will cover duravents, insulation, replacing fluorescent bulbs with LED and installing a dimmer switch to assist with people adversely affected by LED lighting, and replacing 3 toilets with water saving toilets.

New Business

- Supervisor John Jurgensen reported that an adjustment had to be made to the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget.
- It was agreed to pre-buy propane for the Hall from Heintz Propane for \$1849. Check #1649 to Heintz Propane for \$1849 dated 06/22/2024 and the amount needed is \$374.33.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve the budget adjustment. Treasurer Mary Schocknesse supports. All AYES, Clerk Kay Whalen (absent).
- Supervisor John Jurgensen presents June 30, 2024 Budget Report and that board members and the public will receive an updated budget each month. Will need board approval for any purchases over the budgeted amount.
- Supervisor John Jurgensen and Assessor Corey Cuddie addressed approving a check for PLM Lake & Land

Management Corporation for Lake Lochbrae for weed removal. If approved a check for \$2,575.50 will be on next month's warrants.

- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to approve a check for \$2,575.50 and Trustee Sarah Paisley supports. All AYES, clerk Kay Whalen (absent).

Adjournment

- Supervisor John Jurgensen made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Keith Good supported. Meeting adjourned at 7:12PM.