

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
January 12, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township office. Other Board members attending were Clerk JT Reno, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, and Trustee Deneen Connell. There were also 7 members of the public in attendance.

The Supervisor made a motion to approve the agenda, the Clerk seconded, and all votes to approve the agenda were “ayes.”

There was a public comment requesting to keep the Fire Department emergency phone.

The minutes from the December 8, 2022 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes, the Treasurer seconded, and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures and the Supervisor seconded. The power bills and a bill from Firepenny for the DNR grant to be paid out of the General Fund were added. All votes to approve expenditures with additions were “ayes.”

The Clerk made a motion, seconded by the Supervisor, to accept a quote from JG General Contracting for replacement of the community hall roof. The roof would be shingle and work would start this spring/summer. All votes to accept the quote were “ayes.”

There was a motion made by the Supervisor to accept the resignation of Trustee Frank Kastelic. The Clerk seconded and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

Trustee Connell made a motion, seconded by the Supervisor, to appoint S. Mathews to the position of Board Trustee to finish out the end of the 2021-2024 term. All votes to approve were “ayes” during a roll call vote. S. Mathews has been sworn in as Trustee and has resigned from the Board of Review.

There was a delay due to an issue with the mailing company on sending out the winter tax statements. They have been resent with no additional charge to the Township.

There was a discussion about the FD emergency phone and it was determined that the Clerk would contact AT&T to attempt to get the service contract amount reduced. A cellphone was purchased for the office to function as a backup for the time being.

Proposed budgets for 2023-2024 and the CRRP were presented next. It was determined that the water system has been paying all of the power and propane for the Community hall and water plant. The Supervisor made a motion, seconded by the Clerk, stating that the water fund was only responsible for paying \$100/month towards the power bill for the Community Hall, the General fund would pay the rest from this cycle forward. All votes to approve were “ayes.”

A motion was made by the Supervisor stating that the water fund will pay 10 percent of the propane bill for the community hall and the General fund will pay the remainder from this cycle forward. Trustee Connell seconded the motion and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

The Supervisor made a motion to increase the hydrant rental amount from the General fund to the water fund to \$300/month starting in April. The Clerk seconded the motion and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

Trustee Connell made a motion, seconded by the Clerk, to approve the Fire Departments request to apply for the FEMA AFG Microgrant of \$50,000. The Township would have a local match of \$2,500. The grant would be used to purchase battery operated extrication tools to replace the old hydraulic ones. All votes to approve the motion were “ayes.”

The 2023 mileage reimbursement rate is now 65.5 cents per mile. Board of Review members have been registered for training either in person or online. A motion to adjourn was made by the Clerk at 8:15PM, the Supervisor seconded.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on February 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

