

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
March 9, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, March 9, 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. Trustee Mathews was absent. There was also 1 member of the public in attendance.

The Clerk made a motion to approve the agenda and the Supervisor seconded. A discussion about providing meals for the Board of Review was added to the agenda and all votes to approve, with the addition, were “ayes.”

There was no public comment at this time.

The minutes from the February 9, 2023 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. A yearly transfer from the general fund to the CRRP fund of \$10,000 and a transfer of \$14,250 from CRRP to the general fund to cover the Community Hall roof deposit were added. The 3 payments made from the fire department to local charities, on the credit card statement, will be reimbursed within 30 days. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions and corrections were “ayes.”

There was a discussion about the AT&T phone service for the fire department and office. The cost of switching the current office phone number over to the VoIP phone will be brought to the next meeting.

The Sherman Township 2023 Poverty Exemption Policy was presented next. There was a discussion about whether there were any local groups or charities that might be able to assist residents in filing for poverty exemption. The Clerk will look into the matter. The Supervisor made a motion to approve, the Clerk seconded, and all votes present during a roll call vote were “ayes.”

There was a motion made by the Supervisor to approve for the Fire Dept to apply for the AAA Traffic Safety Grant. The grant commits no funds from the township and would be used for an extrication lift bag system. Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

The Supervisor made a motion to change the assistant water plant operator salary schedule to \$200/month (10 hrs @ \$20/hr) base salary and \$20/hr for an emergency rate. It was discussed that the proposed increase was due to the assistant’s level of licensure, providing consultation, familiarity with the township system, and urging of the current water system operator. Trustee Connell seconded the motion and all votes to approve were “ayes.” The increased compensation would be retroactive to March 1, 2023.

There was a discussion about the township providing food for the Board of Review on appeals day. It is legal to provide meals if the employees are working through meal times. The Supervisor made a motion, seconded by the Clerk, to approve \$60 for meals to the Board of Review on appeals day. All votes to approve the motion were “ayes.”

A motion to adjourn was made by the Clerk at 7:40 PM, the Supervisor seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk