

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
July 13, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township office. Other Board members attending were Clerk JT Reno, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Trustee Sondi Mathews. There were also 4 members of the public attending.

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve and discuss the agenda, the Treasurer seconded. An update on a slide for the park and a dedication plaque for the little library were added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda, with the additions, were “ayes.”

There was no public comment at this time.

The minutes from the June 8, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes, the Supervisor seconded, and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures, Trustee Connell seconded. Power bills, a final payment to AT&T, and a payment to Dockside Resort for filling and capping a hole were all added to the expenditure. The credit card statement was also amended. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions were “ayes.”

The hydrants are back online and the fire pump switch has been installed.

The Board of Review will be meeting on July 18 at 3 PM.

An application has been submitted for the assistant grounds and maintenance position. The Clerk made a motion to approve hiring of T. Brown, resident of Lake St. in Gay, for the position. Trustee Connell seconded the motion and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

Trustee Connell gave an update that quotes for slides with and without installation were being sought.

Harvey Desnick, the townships representative on the Keweenaw Heartlands Forest Project, introduced himself to the board and gave a short update on the project.

There was public comment that the Bootjack Chicken Dinner will be held on July 16th and there was no information yet about the fish boil in Lac La Belle.

The water/sewer advisory committee made the recommendation that the General Fund pay water and sewer rates for the office, hall, and fire station and a single water rate for the park. The Clerk made a motion to follow the advisory board's recommendation and Trustee Mathews seconded. All votes to approve were “ayes.” The cost to the General fund at current rates is \$3,156 a year.

The water/sewer advisory committee did not make a recommendation on the schoolhouse water/sewer usage. The Supervisor offered to make contact with the Historical Society and inform them of the water and sewer systems current situation. It was suggested to contact the township lawyer for further advice as well.

A motion was made by the Clerk, seconded by Trustee Connell, to obtain bids for repairing/repainting the community hall walls and ceiling. All votes to approve were “ayes.”

The Supervisor made a motion to approve purchase of a “Burning Permits Required” sign with a QR code to the county fire danger website. The Clerk seconded the motion and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

A dedication plaque will be looked into for the “Little Library” at the Community Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:50 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk