

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
October 12, 2023

Clerk JT Reno called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township Hall. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Trustee Sondi Mathews. There were also 9 members of the public in attendance.

The Clerk made a motion to appoint himself to lead the meeting in the Supervisor's absence, Trustee Connell seconded, and all votes to approve were "ayes."

Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve and discuss the agenda, the Clerk seconded. An update on the slide project, Township pest control, and a Fire Hall painting quote were added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda, with the additions, were "ayes."

Julia Petersen, Robin Meneguzzo, Kayla Lapka, and Harvey Desnick, representatives from The Keweenaw Heartlands Project, gave a talk with public discussion. They were requesting that the Township Board send a letter of support for a grant to begin planning for an Emergency Response/Training center in the County. There were numerous questions from the public concerning access and ownership. It is the intention to transfer the land of the Keweenaw Heartlands to an entity of elected members from Keweenaw County. That entity would decide future usage and oversee operations of the lands. The Clerk made a motion to draft and send a letter of support for the planning grant, Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

The minutes from the September 14, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve the minutes, Trustee Connell seconded, and all votes to approve were "ayes."

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures, the Treasurer seconded. Power bills, a payment to WhiteWater, A-1 Toilets for the park unit, and a reimbursement to the Supervisor for recycling fees were all added to the expenditures. The payment to Bay electric from the water fund will be paid from the RRI account. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions were "ayes."

There was a short discussion and public comment concerning a water rate schedule from MI Rural Water Assoc. A public meeting to discuss raising of rates and other means to generate revenue will be scheduled.

A vote on approving the quote to paint the firehall was tabled until more information is available.

Trustee Connell made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mathews, to not approve Starlink Internet Service at this time. All votes to approve were "ayes."

Trustee Connell got a quote for pest control service in the community hall. She will see if there are any other options available and the matter will be readdressed at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Clerk at 7:12 PM, Trustee Mathews seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk