

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
July 13, 2017

Trustee Deneen Connell called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM. Attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, Trustee Chuck Bennetts, and Clerk Adeline Schmidt. Supervisor Rob Middlemis-Brown was absent. Others in attendance were Ann Strykowski, Bob Strykowski, Eric Smith, Butch Karvonen, Lynne Gerhardt, JT Reno, John Kastelic, Frank Kastelic, and Dudley Martin.

Trustee Connell asked for public comments, but asked for people to hold their comments on something on the agenda until that subject was covered.

The regular meeting minutes on 6/8/17 were presented. Trustee Bennetts made a motion to accept the minutes, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The Treasurer's report was presented next. The Clerk made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted, Trustee Bennetts seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The bills were presented next. One bill was added to the Fire Department bills to help pay for a "bouncy house" for the July 22nd Keweenaw Co. Safety Day. Trustee Bennetts made a motion to accept the bills, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes."

GENERAL FUND

Rob Middlemis-Brown	Supervisor	July salary 375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Marilyn Kastelic	Treasurer	July salary 375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Adeline Schmidt	Clerk	July salary 375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Charles Bennetts	Trustee	Per Diem 50.00-3.00-0.73	046.27
Deneen Connell	Trustee	Per Diem 50.00-3.00-0.73	046.27
Robert Strykowski	Water Plant Operator, Grounds Maintenance, Fire Chief		448.87
JT Reno	Sewer Plant Operator		185.10
Ontonagon Co. REA	Office (35.52), 17 st. lights (148.41), fire hall (42.83)		226.76
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Mark Erhart	Assessor – July 2017 fee		370.00
Water Fund	Hydrant rental - June & July		400.00
Card Member Service	W/F & CHF refunds-office supplies, Park weed spray		380.91
A-1 Toylets	July 4th portable toilets, Park outhouse service 5X		320.00
Michigan SIP Homes, Inc.	Trash pickup		019.20
State of Michigan	Unemployment Insurance agency		032.57

COMMUNITY HALL

General Fund	Spray-on sealant for Hall foundation, paint supplies	269.81
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Gay Bar	300 hot dogs on July 4th for resale	300.00
Kelly Jarvi	Beads for July 4th parade	054.87
Keweenaw Co. Sheriff	Part of Bouncy House fee-7/22/17 safety event	050.00

WATER FUND

Ontonagon Co. REA	Electricity – Water plant & Hall– (1126 KWH)	209.60
General Fund	WPO salary, empl. contri., pay credit cd. - postage	443.78
White Water Assoc., Inc.	Water samples (INV 153537)	034.00
American Water Works Asso. -	Annual dues - 9/1/17-8/31/17	075.00
RRI Water Savings	1/4 of annual to be saved	687.50

SEWER FUND

Ontonagon County REA	Electricity – Sewer (1045 KWH)	196.67
General Fund	SPO salary, employer contributions	218.68
Tony Burcar Contracting	2 hrs. labor - 6/5/17	070.00

SEWER AMORITIZATION FUND

USDA - Rural Development - Loan #92-02,	interest (2,542.50), principal (2,500)	5,042.50
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PREVIOUS BUSINESS: Supervisor Middlemis-Brown had called the Keweenaw Co. Road Commission with various questions. Answers included: Thayer's Lake Road was recently graded but is closed due to timber cutting, the stakes along the Gay-Lake Linden and Gay-Lac La Belle Roads were for a bicycle race, Greensands removed

more stamp sand for testing, the pavement issue on 5th Street between Main and Lake Streets has been scheduled for repairs later this summer.

The Supervisor looked into what kind of ordinances townships usually have. State law restricts townships from developing ordinances about discharge of firearms. However, blight ordinances can be written. Trustee Bennetts informed the Board that he was working with WUPPDR through the Keweenaw County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on a letter that would help determine blighted properties and place them on an inventory list that could be used if/when WUPPDR finds money available to remove blighted properties. After a discussion about the process and how long it might take, the issue was tabled for later.

The "Frequently Asked Questions" placed on the back of the summer taxes were discussed briefly.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Strykowski reported that the Fire department is in good shape (one minor antifreeze leak on the tanker) and there were no incidents the past month. July 4th proceeds were about \$2000, minus \$300 for the hot dogs bought from the bar. There seemed to be fewer people this year. The training day at Menco two weeks ago, cutting up cars to practice using the extrication equipment, went well. The scheduled practice for July 15th (pumping water from Thayers Lake) is cancelled because the Thayers Lake Road is closed. On July 22nd the Sheriff's Department will host a Keweenaw County Safety Day at the Mohawk Park from 10 AM - 2 PM. The Fire Dept. will participate in it by showing what equipment the Township has and using the extrication equipment.

WATER DEPARTMENT: Water Plant Operator Strykowski reported the water plant got through July 4th okay. Recent water usage has been 8,000-10,000 gallons per day without any air getting into the system. Today it went back down to about 4,000. All the required annual water samples have been sent in and lead/copper came back fine. He then discussed a recent water shutoff where water was being provided by hose to an adjacent lot. A lengthy discussion followed about the proposed well project and other subjects that will be discussed in the upcoming Water/Sewer Committee meetings on July 19th and August 2nd. Dudley Martin expressed concern that not all buildings are being considered "users", including those that are not hooked to the water system where no one has lived for years and that there is a water system maintenance schedule set up in the water plant operators manual. He also had many other questions about the water system and wondered when the proposed rate increases would start. Other people also expressed concerns about how uncertain drilling another well would fix the problems.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Sewer Plant Operator Bennetts reported that everything appears to be working okay even though a nearby swale was full of water. Dudley Martin said that pulling manhole covers to check the flow might give an indication where ground water could be coming into the system. He also said there was a schedule for sewer system maintenance in the sewer plant operator's manual.

WATER/SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Trustee Bennetts commented that just about everything had been discussed during the Township's meeting. The advisory committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, July 19th-- at 6:00 PM in the Township Office. The public is welcome. Minutes of the Committee meetings can be viewed online at the Township's website: www.keweenawcountyonline.org/, then "township officials"-Sherman Township

ELECTION: There will be an election for a millage request for the Copper Country Intermediate School District on August 8th. Voting will be done at the Township office.

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM. The next regular Township meeting will be on August 10, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

Adeline Schmidt, Clerk