

SPECIAL MEETING on Drain Field Property
Sherman Township Board
August 23, 2018

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called to order the special meeting of the Sherman Township Board on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:35 PM. Board members attending were Supervisor Rob Middlemis-Brown, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, Trustee Chuck Bennetts, and Clerk Adeline Schmidt. Others in attendance were Nancy Sanderson, Butch Karvonen, John Kastelic, Frank Kastelic, Dudley Martin, and Ada Sanders.

A recent land survey showed that part of the current drain field was built 15 years ago on property not belonging to the Township. Supervisor Middlemis-Brown had consulted another surveyor and was told the survey is accurate in his opinion. He presented a map of the properties involved to the Board and explained the situation. Next to the drain field is a property bought by the Township on a tax sale, part of which could be used for a swap if done for public interest. A County right-of-way may also be involved (Boundary Road). Recent negotiations for a possible land swap, an outright sale, or permanent access to the property across Township property were shut down by the current owner until he could consult a lawyer. The Board discussed at length the possible ways to resolve the problem. The lawyer at MTA (MI Township Association) had recommended just purchasing the small piece of ground (1/4-1/3 acre). The funds would have to come from the Sewer Fund. Much depends on what the County finds out about the road right-of-way--whether they have abandoned it yet or not.

The Supervisor made a motion to offer \$200 for the land, plus the Township pays for the filling fee for the change of the land description and the legal fee for the quit claim, contingent on what claim the County has on the land. The motion was seconded by Trustee Bennetts and all votes were "ayes."

The meeting then adjourned at 7:10 PM.