

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
September 10, 2020

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Park pavilion. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Chuck Bennetts, Trustee Deneen Connell and Clerk Adeline Schmidt. Also attending were several local residents.

The minutes from the August 8, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Bennetts made a motion to approve the minutes, Trustee Connell seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The Treasurer's report from August was presented next. During our audit from David Heinonen CPA we were informed that the sewer RRI should have been \$312.50 per quarter instead of \$250.00. We will make the change to \$312.50 per quarter. A refund for costs from the Presidential Primary was also received by the Township. The Clerk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Trustee Connell seconded, and all votes were "ayes. The general fund was \$95.00 over the \$200 budget due to Covid signage, flag pole repair and a fire extinguisher. The budget was discussed and increases to insurance on the water and sewer systems were mentioned. The Township has changed insurance companies. The total insurance amount went down, but the rates for water and sewer did go up. The bills were discussed next. There was discussion about the FD millage account. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Connell, the Township Treasurer seconded, and all votes were "ayes."

GENERAL FUND

Rob Middlemis-Brown	Supervisor	Sept salary 375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Marilyn Kastelic	Treasurer	Sept salary 500.00-30.00-7.25	462.75
Adeline Schmidt	Clerk	Sept salary 500.00-30.00-7.25	462.75
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
JT Reno	Water Plant Operator	(8/2020 - 31 days)	459.05
Rob Middlemis-Brown	Fire Chief	- (8/2020)	046.27
Robert Pieti	Sewer Plant, Twp. maintenance	(8/2020)	487.74
JT Reno	Assistant Clerk	(8/2020)	094.40
Ontonagon Co. REA	Office	(44.86), 17 St lights(152.79), FH(87.15) WP/CH(340.68)	625.48
Erhart Assessing, LLC	Assessor fee	- 8/2020	400.00
Cardmember Service	Checks, SCBA gear, parts for 2000 type 3 pumper		4,896.80
A T & T	Office& fire hall phones		157.44
Rob Middlemis-Brown	Parts& supplies for Fire Department		1,121.11
Water Fund	Hydrant rental	(9/2020)	200.00
A-1 Toilets, LLC	Service on Township park	8/5,8/12,8/19,8/26	140.00
MI Municipal League Workers	Limited Associate Member dues	11/1/20-10/31/21	200.00
Krans Oil Company, Inc.	Diesel fuel		047.73
ACE Hardware	Parts for leaking toilet in the community hall		026.04
Election Source	Tabulator coding for 1 precinct		320.00
Auto-Pro Glass & Tire	repairs on 2000 type 3 pumper		222.25
Fire Safety USA	8 SCBA brackets & shipping for type 3 pumper		355.00
Safety Vision	Replacement backup camera monitor for 2000 type 3 pumper		382.42
Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc	Parts to repair foam system, auto eject, and priming pump		3,485.22
Mark Erhart	Assessor expenses		016.95
My Safety Sign	6"x 6" ratings sign for 2000 type 3 pumper		021.69
David A. Heinonen, CPA PC	Audited financial statement, form F-65		1,275.00
Sandra Loy	EMS boots		158.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Advance Auto Parts	Replacement battery for 2009 Chevy Pickup	157.67
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SHERMAN TWP. FD MILLAGE

General Fund - Sherman Twp. Credit Cd. reimbursement & parts for type 3 pumper	10,315.09
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WATER FUND

General Fund	Water plant operator salary	533.94
White Water Assoc.	INV 170971	236.00
JT Reno	USPS postage to EGLE labs (Lansing) 8/11	031.15
JT Reno	USPS postage to Whitewater (Amasa) 8/5, 8/18, 8/26, 9/2	047.90
David A. Heinonen CPA PC	Audited financial statement and form F-65	640.00

SEWER FUND

Ontonagon County REA	Electricity – Sewer (937kWh)	201.55
General Fund	Sewer plant operator salary 8/2020	334.01
David A. Heinonen CPA PC	Audited financial statement and form F-65	640.00
Sewer RRI	¼ of annual to be saved	312.50

PREVIOUS BUSINESS: The anonymous \$10,000.00 donation was briefly discussed. It was decided to wait before making any decisions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were 3 EMS and 2 fire incidents since last meeting. The department was awarded a FEMA grant for recruitment of 3 new members to bring the department to 10 members. The grant covers an LED sign, banners and gear for 3 new firefighters.

1995 pumper is still in the shop needing a replacement front axle estimated repair of \$5-6,000.00.

2000 type 3 pumper also has numerous problems. We had a certified technician perform a pump test and it was determined the vehicle couldn't have passed a pump test. There were also issues with the foam system and backup camera. The Fire Chief went to the seller about the problems with the 2000 type 3 pumper and the seller has agreed to reimburse the township for repairs.

1993 pumper was sold for \$15,000.00 so the department won't need additional money from the PILT fund. The pumper will be shipped soon and is going to California for the wild fires.

WATER DEPARTMENT: All samples besides bi-weekly WQP and the monthly coliform are done for the year. Still no word on expanded PFAS testing.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Bob Pieti, Sewer Plant Operator, reported that everything is working okay and there have been no changes. Not much garbage or material coming through. The timer on the blower isn't working so the operator has been activating it manually.

WATER/SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE: No meetings have been held for a while. Committee members will communicate via email to discuss the next meeting date. Committee meeting minutes are on the website: www.keweenawcountyonline.org/, "township officials"-Sherman Township

NEW BUSINESS: There was a land division on Hermit's Cove Rd.--a 20-acre parcel was split into two 10-acre parcels. The township received a \$100 check for the parcel split. The Clerk made a motion to approve a vote for the split, Treasurer Kastelic seconded. All "ayes".

A vote to approve the County Tax Valuation was held, Trustee Connell made a motion to approve, the Clerk seconded.

The state requirement for a "designated assessor" was discussed, someone who would take over if the current assessor is not doing the job. There are very few level 3 assessors in the UP so it may be hard to find a designated assessor. A decision has to be made by the end of the calendar year.

The County has established a Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund that will pay the township all the taxes and water fees owed to us whether or not they have been paid. The county will get any fees and interest.

The auxiliary's use of the Community Hall for storage was discussed. Hall use is for community members and community member sponsored non-profits. Anything left in the hall after use becomes the property of the township.

There was discussion about participation in the water/sewer Financial Assistance Program. Individual residents can apply on their own for assistance so it was decided to let the residents apply through Community Action.

A Halloween party is planned for October 31st at the Township Pavilion, bring a heater. All community members are invited and donations of candy are encouraged. Restrooms will be available in the community hall during the party. The park bathroom will be closed for the season starting November 1st.

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next regular Township meeting will be October 8th, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Community Hall.