

REGULAR MEETING  
Sherman Township Board  
December 10, 2020

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM over conference call due to Covid-19 restrictions. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Clerk JT Reno, Trustee Frank Kastelic, and Trustee Deneen Connell. Also attending the call were Kelly Jarvi, Bob Pieti, Dudley Martin, and Adeline Schmidt. The Supervisor asked for additions to the agenda, Trustee Kastelic recommended adding an additional public comment all agreed. Additional public comment will be added before New Business on the meeting agenda. There were no public comments.

The minutes from the November 12, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The Treasurer's report from October was presented next. Fire Department fundraising and Millage accounts were discussed. Millage is only for millage tax collected funds, fundraising account is for operating and non millage funds. Purchases made with Fire Department funds and how approval comes before the Board was discussed. The Supervisor stated that a plan is submitted to the Board for approval. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the Treasurers report, the Clerk seconded and all votes were "ayes." The budget review was discussed next. Supervisor highlighted extra funds toward retirement expenses. The bills were discussed next. The clerk reported ¼ annual to be saved to Sewer RRI, the monthly Assessor fee, and a bill for voting equipment were added. There was a question about changing truck repair companies, but there aren't many choices in the area. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Connell, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes." No correspondence.

GENERAL FUND

Rob Middlemis-Brown	Supervisor	Dec salary	375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Marilyn Kastelic	Treasurer	Dec salary	500.00-30.00-7.25	462.75
Adeline Schmidt	Clerk	Dec salary	500.00-30.00-7.25	462.75
Frank Kastelic	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(11/2020 - 30 days)			517.15
Rob Middlemis-Brown	Fire Chief - (11/2020)			046.27
Robert Pieti	Sewer Plant, Twp. maintenance(11/2020)			487.74
Ontonagon Co. REA	Office(51.16),17 St lights(152.79), Fire Hall(77.90)			281.85
Erhart Assessing, LLC	Assessor fee - 11/2020			400.00
Cardmember Service	replacement light for truck 2			233.33
A T & T	Office& fire hall phones			171.60
Water Fund	Hydrant rental (11/2020)			200.00
Election Source	tabulator coding 1 precinct			320.00

WATER FUND

General Fund	Water plant operator salary	517.15
White Water Assoc.	INVs 172321, 172262	119.00
JT Reno	Renewal for Water operator license	095.00
Ontonagon County REA	Water plant & hall electricity - 982 kWh	213.75

SEWER FUND

Ontonagon County REA	Electricity – Sewer (1395 kWh)	283.03
General Fund	Sewer plant operator salary 11/2020	323.22
Robert Pieti	work gloves and trash to WM	024.73
Sewer RRI	¼ of annual to be saved double payment	625.00

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:** The DNR Passport Grant for development of recreation areas and equipment for the Township Park will need to be done by April. The supervisor made a motion to create a committee, the Clerk seconded, all ayes. A recreation Planning Committee was formed with Trustee Connell leading with K. Jarvi and A. Schmidt as forming members.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** The business meeting was held December 9th by Zoom. The free smoke detectors, with installation by the Fire Dept., are still available to residents until the end of the year. After that they will offer them to other fire departments in the area. There were no incidents in the last month. Two Firefighters will be taking Fire fighter 1&2 classes and the FD has a grant for gear for three new members. The public was invited to join the Fire Department. It was mentioned that all grants applied for are approved by the Board. The backup pumper is still out for repairs.

**WATER DEPARTMENT:** JT Reno, Water Plant Operator, reported that everything is running smoothly and he's still waiting to hear back on action level exceedance on copper level.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Bob Pieti, Sewer Plant Operator, reported the flow is good, but there continues to be a lot of wipes but the pieces of trash are way down. He spoke to Bay Electric about the blower timer, so he continues to activate it manually. He is waiting to hear back again from the electrician. A mailer will go out with the upcoming bills.

NEW BUSINESS: Board of review members were voted on and the members will be Mick Jarvi, Kelly Jarvi, and Sherry Middlemis-Brown with Addy Schmidt as an alternate. The Supervisor made a motion to approve the members, Trustee Kastelic seconded.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Certificate of Deposit at Superior National Bank signatories need changed, a motion was made to change the signers by the Treasurer, the Supervisor seconded, all votes were "ayes". Karen Turner—Deputy Treasurer and JT Reno--Clerk will be added as signers. Marilyn Kastelic—Treasurer will remain a signer, while Addy Schmidt is removed on the CD. The Clerk's credit card was changed from Addy Schmidt to JT Reno.

It was requested that the Trustees have access to the bills a few days before the meeting. It was agreed the Clerk would contact the Trustees before the meeting to go over the bills.

The USDA suggested that the township increase the amount of funds being added to the Sewer RRI by \$312.50 per quarter for the next 6 quarters. The first double payment will be for this quarter. There is a stipulation that we don't make an extra payment if the funds aren't available and will reassess in March. The Supervisor made a motion to proceed with the payments, Trustee Kastelic seconded, all votes were "ayes".

The Supervisor made a motion to approve the Lake Linden-Hubbell school tax, Treasurer Kastelic seconds, all "ayes". There was also a motion from the Supervisor to approve the Copper Country School tax, Trustee Connell seconded, all "ayes".

Trustee Kastelic made a motion to accept the Township auditors three year contract, Trustee Connell seconded, all votes "ayes"

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM. The next regular Township meeting will be January 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM location is to be announced.

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Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

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JT Reno, Clerk