

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
November 12, 2020

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Community Hall. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Chuck Bennetts, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Clerk Adeline Schmidt. Also attending were Kelly Jarvi, Bob Pieti, Chris Korhonen, Frank Kastelic, Dudley Martin, Ed Burger, and JT Reno. The supervisor asked for additions to the agenda, but there were none. There were no public comments.

The minutes from the October 8, 2020 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Bennetts made a motion to approve the minutes, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The Treasurer's report from October was presented next. The Clerk made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Trustee Bennetts seconded, and all votes were "ayes." The budget review was discussed next. Several changes needed in the coding of items were pointed out. The bills were discussed next. One change was needed for a bill. A motion to pay the bills was made by Trustee Connell, Treasurer Kastelic seconded, and all votes were "ayes." No correspondence, but Trustee Connell asked if there is an updated version of the plat book available.

GENERAL FUND

Rob Middlemis-Brown	Supervisor	Nov salary 375.00-22.50-5.44	347.06
Marilyn Kastelic	Treasurer	Nov salary 500.00-30.00-7.25	462.75
Adeline Schmidt	Clerk	Nov 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(10/2020 - 31 days)		459.05
Rob Middlemis-Brown	Fire Chief - (10/2020)		046.27
Robert Pieti	Sewer Plant, Twp. maintenance(10/2020)		487.74
JT Reno	Assistant Clerk(10/2020)		135.27
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	Service & repair on 2009 Rescue truck		1,116.22
A T & T	Office& fire hall phones		157.26
Telrite Corporation	Phone - long distance		005.28
Water Fund	Hydrant rental (11/2020)		200.00
Keweenaw Petroleum Svcs.	Prepay on propane for office, Hall & Fire Hall		3,173.76
Keweenaw County Clerk	Township's share of election ads published by County		144.33
Keweenaw County	Permit for LED signage on Fire Hall		025.00
Krans Oil Company	Diesel and unleaded gas		111.76
A-1 Toilets	Services on Park restroom		210.00
The Daily Mining Gazette	Public accuracy test notice		095.40
Bob Pieti	Reimbursement for snow shovel & snow broom		043.16
Kelly Jarvi	Election, accuracy test, setup & mileage		212.26
Karen Turner	Election hours		078.00
Chris Korhonen	Election hours		078.00
Frederick Jarvi	Election hours		060.00
Cathy Witz	Election hours		048.00
Randall Witz	Election hours		060.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

General Fund - Sherman Twp.	Credit card reimbursements	1,116.22
Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc.	Repairs-2000 pumper, foam relief valve	1,333.14
Bekkala's Diesel Repair	Service on 1985 GMC truck	435.10
Etrailer	Replacement lights for 2000 pumper	233.33
Safety Vision	Camera	354.31

WATER FUND

General Fund	Water plant operator salary & propane for plant/hall	1,534.39
White Water Assoc.	INVs 171324, 171827, 171887	327.00
JT Reno	Postage to Whitewater - 2X	046.80
Ontonagon County REA	Water plant & hall electricity - 1104 kWh	231.26
State of MI - EGLE	MI public water supply annual fee	406.27
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals, chlorine, & carboy for water plant	204.59

WATER AMORTIZATION

USDA – Rural Development	-Loans 91-09 & 91-11 interest & principal	6,308.75
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SEWER FUND

Ontonagon County REA	Electricity – Sewer (1359 kWh)	276.63
General Fund	Sewer plant operator salary 10/2020	333.99

PREVIOUS BUSINESS: The DNR Passport Grant for development of recreation areas and equipment for the Township Park will need to be done by April 1. The Supervisor said it should be done by a committee of volunteers from the community. Please contact the Supervisor or anyone on the Board, if interested.

The December Board of Review is not a required meeting and the one item on the agenda has been withdrawn, so there will not be a meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: The business meeting was held November 11th 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. Since the detectors are equipped with 10-year batteries, they need to be used and not stored. There were two incidents in the last month-- a power outage and a medical one. Repairs & maintenance were done on the EMS/Command vehicle, the primary pumper, the backup pumper, and the primary tanker. The backup tanker was winterized and put in storage.

WATER DEPARTMENT: JT Reno, Water Plant Operator, reported that everything was progressing and he's waiting to hear from the health department on the lead and copper. He ordered chlorine and corrosion control substance from Hawkins. The chlorine came to about \$200 for 25 gallons of chlorine. He recently attended a webinar online with EGLE and it covered combining all the paperwork he has to do online. Everything else seems to be going pretty good. He is still waiting to hear from the electrician. He also needs to hear from the excavation contractor about possible places needing pipes changed.

SEWER DEPARTMENT: Bob Pieti, Sewer Plant Operator, reported the flow is good, but there continues to be massive amounts of wipes and pieces of plastic being collected. The timer on the blower has not yet been fixed, so he continues to activate it manually. He is waiting to hear from Will. He also winterized the tractor.

NEW BUSINESS: Since JT Reno is Deneen Connell's son, it was realized that a different check signer would be needed. The Deputy Treasurer, Karen Turner, was asked to do it and she agreed. The Treasurer, Marilyn Kastelic, made a motion that the new check signatories will be Marilyn Kastelic--Treasurer, JT Reno--Clerk, and Karen Turner--Deputy Treasurer. Trustee Connell seconded the motion and all votes were "ayes."

A discussion followed about the need for a county designated assessor who would take over if the Township's assessor failed the State's review. Trustee Bennetts wondered how much recourse Township has if its assessor fails the State review 2X and how much it will cost the Township. How many of the county's townships have accepted the proposal is not yet known. Lisa Karrio is the County's designated assessor. Trustee Connell made a motion that the Township accept the County's designated assessor, the Clerk seconded, and there were 4 "ayes" and one "nay."

There was a discussion about the County suggesting they do away with the job of zoning administration and the townships taking over the task. It was felt the County can afford it more easily than the townships. The final decision will be made sometime this winter.

Ed Burger requested a zoning variance on his property so that he can extend his house, but still parallel to the river. No one objected to it; therefore, he will take it before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

All the members of the newly elected 2020-2024 Board were present and were sworn in (took their oath of office administration) before the outgoing Clerk: Supervisor Rob Middlemis-Brown, Treasurer Marilyn

Kastelic, Clerk JT Reno, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Trustee Frank Kastelic. Their terms begin 11/20/2020.

Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular Township meeting will be December 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Community Hall.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

Adeline Schmidt, Clerk