

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
February 11, 2021

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 6:32 PM over conference call due to Covid-19 restrictions. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, and Clerk JT Reno, the two Trustees were not in attendance. There were also three community members on the call. The Supervisor made a motion to discuss and approve the agenda, The Clerk seconded. There were no additions and all votes were “ayes.” There were no public comments.

The minutes from the January 14, 2021 regular meeting were presented. The Supervisor made a motion to discuss the minutes, Treasurer Kastelic seconded. There were no comments or additions, and all votes to approve were "ayes." The Clerk made a motion to approve and discuss expenditures, The Supervisor seconded. Clerk stated that the power bills, a bill from Whitewater for Bacti/coliform testing, a bill from The Firestore for FD gloves, and a bill from Krans oil for grounds and maintenance fuel were added. There were no further additions and all votes were "ayes." The recreation development plan has been tabled for now.

The Supervisor made a motion to discuss all the meeting documents from each meeting be added to the website, the Clerk seconded. It was decided that the documents from meetings would be made available to the public on the Township website only until in-person meetings resumed. All votes were “ayes”. The Supervisor made a motion to discuss and approve the salaries for the township, The Treasurer seconded. There was discussion about budgeting for salary for sewer operations, The Supervisor said he would look into it along with the Treasurer. All votes were “ayes” pending review of the sewer operator salary budget.

A motion to discuss the budgets was made by The Supervisor, The Treasurer seconded. The propane and electric budgets have been increased from the previous year. The Fire Millage Financial Plan was updated to better reflect the current needs of the FD. Ventilation for the Community Hall will be paid for out of the CRRP fund this upcoming spring/summer. There were concerns about unforeseen testing fees for the Water system, EGLE may add other testing requirements throughout the year. The budget reflects the transfers to the sewer RRI account are being doubled. There was a roll call vote to present the budget at the March “Truth in Taxation” meeting. All votes were “ayes”.

A motion to approve the resolution for the General Appropriations act was made by the Supervisor, the Clerk seconded, all votes were “ayes”. The Supervisor made a motion to approve and discuss the 2021 Poverty Exemption Policy, The Treasurer seconded. The Clerk made a roll call vote for the Resolution. The Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor all voted “aye”, Trustees D. Connell and F. Kastelic were not present. The Supervisor made a motion to replace F. Jarvi with A. Schmidt on the Board of Review, The Clerk seconded. All votes were “ayes”.

The March Board of Review meeting will be held virtually, property owners will need to submit protests in writing or schedule an appointment over Zoom or conference call.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

The “Truth in Taxation” meeting will be held at 6:00 PM before the next regular Township meeting on March 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM by conference call.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk

