

REGULAR MEETING  
Sherman Township Board  
July 8, 2021

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 6:31 PM in the Sherman Township Office. Other Board members attending were Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Clerk JT Reno, Trustee Frank Kastelic and Trustee Deneen Connell. There were also 5 community members in attendance. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the agenda, the Treasurer seconded. An update from the water and sewer advisory committee and township beautification were added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda were “ayes.”

There was a public comment about adding the water/sewer meeting being added as a normal agenda item.

The minutes from the June 10, 2021 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to discuss and approve the minutes, the Treasurer seconded. Trustee Kastelic made a statement that the wording for the emergency spending approval section of the minutes was inaccurate. The matter was discussed and a vote was taken. Trustee Kastelic voted “no” all other Board members voted “aye.” Minutes from the special meeting on May 24, 2021 were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve, Trustee Kastelic seconded and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

The Clerk made a motion to approve and discuss expenditures and Trustee Connell seconded. The power bills, a payment to Pomasal, and processing/final contribution payments to Gleaner Insurance were all added to the expenditures. Trustee Kastelic asked if the Fire Department purchased items from Rada for resale at auxiliary sales. The Supervisor confirmed that the FD did make the purchases with the FD donation account. All votes to approve the expenditures were “ayes.”

The Supervisor stated there was an anonymous donation for \$10,000 to the FD. There was also a \$10,000 donation to the General Fund, \$5,000 of which goes to the Water Fund to pay for testing.

The Supervisor made a motion to approve the MTA Principles of Governance resolution, Trustee Connell seconded. There was a vote and no one voted “aye” so the resolution was dropped.

A policy for purchases by Board members without prior approval was discussed from the previous meeting. The Supervisor and Treasurer will work on a draft proposal to be presented at a future meeting. The draft will focus on the definition of an emergency, who is to be contacted in the event of an emergency, and who can make a determination of an emergency.

A draft of a long term lease agreement for Auxiliary use of the Community Hall was discussed. The Board members will look over the lease agreement draft and communicate their ideas to the Supervisor to update the draft, to be presented at a future meeting.

There was an update concerning the water/sewer payments for the Schoolhouse. The Supervisor stated that he had reached out to a representative for the Historical Society and that he hasn't heard back yet. There was discussion about how to proceed in the future and nothing was decided.

A. Schmidt from the park improvement committee stated that the committee had met, but there were still some matters that needed further discussion. Some members of the committee were not present at the last meeting and the layout plan for the park needed updating. The committee will meet again on July 13 to further discuss the layout and installation of park equipment. The zoning permit was submitted to the County, but the layout won't affect anything as long as there is proper setbacks from the property line.

Trustee Connell suggested that township beautification with PA 48 funds be discussed. Planter boxes around the fire danger sign, purchasing flags/banners, fixing the wooden fences on township property, and possibly installing a solar light for the park was discussed. The park improvement committee was tasked with looking into these matters.

D. Martin from the water/sewer advisory committee brought forward a recommendation that an engineer be contacted to evaluate the water/sewer system for possible expansion. Trustee Kastelic made a motion to contact an engineer and the Clerk seconded. The Clerk agreed to attempt to find an engineer who might be willing to conduct a study for a minimal fee. The water/sewer committee will be going through the ordinances and presenting their findings and recommendations to the Board. The Supervisor made a motion to add J. Wilhelm as a voting member of the water/sewer advisory committee and trustee Kastelic seconded. All votes were “ayes.”

The Supervisor made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on August 12, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Township Office.

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Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

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JT Reno, Clerk