

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
August 10, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township office. Other Board members attending were Clerk JT Reno, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Trustee Sondi Mathews. There were also 6 members of the public attending.

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve and discuss the agenda, the Treasurer seconded. An update on the park project was added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda, with the addition, were "ayes."

There was an update from Harvey Desnick, the townships Keweenaw Heartlands Project representative, and Julia Peterson, the Keweenaw Peninsula Project Manager for The Nature Conservancy.

The minutes from the July 13, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes, Trustee Mathews seconded, and all votes to approve were "ayes."

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures, the Supervisor seconded. Power bills, a payment to WhiteWater, and a payment to S. Middlemis-Brown for the July BOR, were all added to the expenditures. Trustee Connell had a question about the way mileage is calculated for the water plant operator. Emergency visits, water sampling, and meeting vendors or EGLE representatives all qualify for mileage reimbursements. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions were "ayes."

After some discussion, a motion was made by the Clerk to suspend payments made from the General Fund for water usage until the township lawyer is contacted concerning the potential impact it may have on the township's USDA loan. The lawyer will also be consulted on how best to proceed forward with the water and sewer rates for the schoolhouse. The Supervisor seconded the motion and all votes to approve were "ayes."

Three quotes were received to paint the Community Hall walls, doors, and window trim. Trustee Connell made a motion to accept the \$7,800 quote from Nathan Ruonavaara, the most comprehensive and cheapest quote. Trustee Mathews seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes." Painting the doors should happen this fall and the interior work will be over the winter.

Trustee Connell gave an update that only one quote for the slide with installation was received and more were being sought.

There was no public comment at this time.

The Supervisor made a motion to approve The Township Tax Rate Request using the Maximum Allowable Millage Levy using the Headlee Millage Reduction for General Fund and Fire (L-4029 form). The Clerk seconded the motion and all votes to approve were "ayes."

A motion was made by the Supervisor, seconded by Trustee Connell, to approve a \$750 quote from LAB Electric to install fixtures and receptacles in the old firehall and also inspect the building for electrical safety. All votes to approve were "ayes."

The Supervisor made a motion to approve another quote from LAB Electric for \$1,200 to rewire and inspect parts of the electrical system in the Community Hall. The Treasurer seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

The change in the permitting for the drainfield is proceeding and the new sampling requirements will likely be starting on January 1, 2024. Permitting and operating costs will be increasing. A Water and sewer advisory committee meeting will be held on 9/7, the Thursday before the next township meeting, at 6:30 PM. All township residents are encouraged to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:30 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on September 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk