

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
December 14, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, December 14, 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 9 members of the public in attendance.

The Clerk made a motion to approve and discuss the agenda, Trustee Connell seconded. "Board of Review dates" was added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda, with the addition, were "ayes."

There was public comment regarding clarification on the total amount proposed for rate increases and concern about economically vulnerable residents paying a higher water/sewer rate.

The minutes from the November 9, 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 Trustee Connell to approve and discuss expenditures, the Treasurer seconded. There were no additions. The cost of sign maintenance will be paid with PA 48 funds. All votes to approve expenditures were "ayes."

After discussion with public comment, the Supervisor made a motion, seconded by the Clerk, to increase the water rates by \$10 per month and the sewer rates by \$15 per month. Both increases would go into effect on January 1, 2024 and would go into the RRI accounts associated with each system. All votes to approve were "ayes."

The Supervisor wanted it put on the record that the "\$6 per month to water RRI" that was voted on to be used for operating expenses at the November 9, 2023 meeting was only temporary.

It was discussed that a further increase of \$10 to water rates and \$10 to sewer rates per month into the RRI accounts would be needed to meet the water rate schedule from MI Rural Water Assoc. Furthermore, operating expenses may necessitate another increase during the budget process early 2024.

The dates and times for the 2024 Sherman Township Board of Trustees meetings were presented (6:30 PM on 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12 and "Truth In Taxation/Budget" on 3/14 at 6 PM. The Clerk voted to approve the dates and times, Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the Lake Linden-Hubbell Public Schools collection of 2024 school taxes. Trustee Mathews seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

Next the dates for the 2024 Board of Review dates and times were presented (organizational meeting 3/5/24 at 11 AM, 1st session 3/11/24 9AM-3PM, 2nd session 3/13/2024 3PM-9PM) The Supervisor made a motion to approve the dates and times and the Clerk seconded, all votes to approve were "ayes."

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:17 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on January, 11 at 6:30 PM.

Marilyn Kastlic, Treasurer

JT Reno, Clerk