

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
March 14, 2024

Supervisor John Wilhelm called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, March 14, 2024 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.

A motion was made by the Clerk, seconded by Trustee Mathews, to discuss and approve the agenda. Mowing of the drainfield was added to the agenda. All votes to approve with additions were “ayes.”

The Supervisor made a motion to discuss and approve the minutes from the February 8, 2024 regular meeting, Trustee Connell seconded, and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures, the Treasurer seconded. The power bills, payments to Whitewater, and hourly pay to Board of Review members were all added. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions were “ayes.”

There was no public comment at this time.

The Clerk made a motion, seconded by Trustee Mathews, to increase water rates by \$6/month and sewer rates by \$4/month to be used for operational expenses. The new rates would start April 1, 2024. All votes to approve were “ayes.”

A motion was made by the Supervisor to accept J. Reno’s resignation as the water plant assistant operator, Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve were “ayes.”

J. Wilhelm and D. Martin will be the new water plant assistant operators.

Deputy Supervisor D. Martin does not want to receive compensation for his position as Deputy.

The Supervisor made a motion, seconded by Trustee Connell, to approve \$3000 from the Fire Department to cover tuition and training for up to 4 new Medical First Responders. All votes to approve were “ayes.”

There was a discussion with input from the public concerning renovations to the Community Hall kitchen and a letter from J. Smith was read endorsing the plan. The Clerk made a motion to allow the Sherman Township Fire Department Auxiliary to remove the old wooden cabinet from the Community Hall kitchen and replace it with a new stainless steel cabinet. The work would be done by members of the Fire Department, no structural changes would be made to the building, the cabinet would be saved for historical purposes, and the project would be funded by the Auxiliary. Trustee Mathews seconded the motion and there was a roll call vote to approve. The Clerk, Trustee Mathews, and the Supervisor voted “aye.” The Treasurer and Trustee Connell voted “nay.” The motion passed.

A motion was made by the Supervisor, seconded by Trustee Connell, to purchase 2 scales for the water system at approximately \$80 each. All votes to approve were “ayes.”

A letter will be sent to the resident who was concerned about paying a water bill for a building not connected to the water system. Nothing could be found to exempt the user from paying when the ordinance was looked into.

The owner of the barn on 5th st with water service and no bill will be contacted to find out if there is any kind of signed contractual agreement about the issue. The Clerk will also look back in the minutes to see if the Board had any kind of vote on the matter. It will be tabled awaiting further information.

It was once again reiterated that the drainfield will be mowed by the grounds and maintenance department.

A member of the public requested that the Board draft a letter to the individuals responsible for county zoning and ordinance enforcement to encourage them to enforce the ordinances we have. The Clerk, Trustee Mathews, and the Treasurer asked that their names not be added. The letter will be written on behalf of Trustee Connell and the Supervisor only.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:41 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on April 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

John Wilhelm, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk