

REGULAR MEETING  
Sherman Township Board  
October 12, 2024

Supervisor John Wilhelm called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, October 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township Office. Other Board members attending were Clerk JT Reno, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Sondi Mathews, and Trustee Deneen Connell. There were also 13 members of the public in attendance.

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve the agenda and Trustee Connell seconded. "Update from park committee" and "water sewer advisory committee" were added to the agenda. All votes to approve with additions were "ayes." The Supervisor made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2024 regular meeting and Trustee Connell seconded. All votes to approve were "ayes."

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2024 special meeting minutes and Trustee Mathews seconded. All votes to approve the minutes were "ayes."

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve expenditures and the Treasurer seconded. The RRI payments for the water system will have to be postponed again, but the USDA required transfers will happen. All votes to approve were "ayes."

During public comment it was suggested to have a public cleanup day and that the road sign for town has been taken again.

The Proposed 2024-2025 Township Compensation plan was presented. The plan would increase township pay and salaries to align with the last two years of the Cost of Living Adjustment. It will be considered for the next fiscal budget. Engine B sold for \$15,000 minus 10% commission.

The Clerk wanted it to be brought to the attention of the board and the public that there were still things that needed to be addressed with the billing and status of the water/sewer at the schoolhouse. It may go against the USDA loan that the township holds to not receive compensation for water/sewer service. Methods of remedying the issues were discussed, such as non profit status or some "grandfather clause."

The Supervisor made a motion to approve installation of power at the township park pavilion and signage. LAB Electric will be performing the work and stated the work could be accomplished before winter if digging can be arranged. PA 48 funds will be used for this project. Trustee Mathews seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes." Installation of the slide at the park is still awaiting permitting.

The Sherman Township Auxiliary requested permission to post signage for their event at the community hall on 11/22, 11/23, 11/24. The Clerk made a motion to approve the rental request, the Supervisor seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

The Bennetts family is requesting pavilion reservation on October 12 at 2pm. Trustee Mathews made a motion to approve the reservation, the Clerk seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

There is peeling, bubbling paint in the community hall basement and possible mold. The Supervisor will contact a contractor to take a look and get a quote for remediation.

The Fire Department reports that Engine A was sent for repairs at the North Star facility in Wisconsin. The transport cost was \$2,000. The FD also received \$1,835 in donations during the Community Breakfast.

Hydrant testing and draining will be conducted by the water plant operator and Township Supervisor.

A back-up generator for the water/sewer system was discussed. There was discussion on receiving FEMA funding for the project and it was stated that the General Fund could help pay for install and maintenance due to fire protection services. It was decided to attempt to reconvene the water/sewer committee.

The Clerk made a motion, seconded by the Supervisor, to have the drainfield pumped and filter housing repaired/replaced. All votes to approve were "ayes."

Water to the Township Park and Schoolhouse is turned off some time in October depending on the weather.

The Park Committee gave a report that they had appointed B. Maynarich as the chairperson and M. Dexheimer as the co-chairperson. The committee is currently working on the slide, multi use court and horseshoe pits, as well as a multi year timetable for future projects.

During public comment it was stated that it is possible for townships to create fees for rental housing as a source of revenue. Rental agreement questions were also answered.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:45 PM, Trustee Connell seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on November 14, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

