

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
November 14, 2024

Supervisor John Wilhelm called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, November 14, 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 9 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" was added to the agenda. All votes to approve with the addition were "ayes."

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2024 regular meeting and Trustee Mathews seconded. All votes to approve were "ayes."

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve expenditures and the Clerk seconded. The RRI payments for the water system will have to be postponed again. Election hours, power bills, Election Source and more payments to WhiteWater were added. All votes to approve the expenditures, with additions, were "ayes."

During public comment it was requested that the flags at the Township office be replaced.

The Township will be holding a community tree lighting followed by a community party on December 7, 2024.

A motion was made by the Clerk that the quarterly water/sewer service for the schoolhouse be paid by the General Fund, Trustee Connell seconded the motion. During a roll call vote Trustee Mathews and the Clerk voted "aye," while the Supervisor, Treasurer, and Trustee Connell voted "nay." The motion failed to pass.

It was also pointed out that the schoolhouse is not included in the water/sewer assessment, has no easement for use of township property, and a permit was never found for the water/sewer connections to have been made.

Installation of the slide at the park is still awaiting permitting.

Northland Basements will be giving a quote for painting and sealing of the Community Hall basement.

Some streetlights in town are out and the power company will be notified again.

It has been brought to the attention of the township that the Community Hall basement is not ADA accessible so it can't be accessed by the public for insurance reasons. Possible solutions will be looked into.

The Supervisor made a motion, seconded by the Clerk, to acquire a P.O. Box at the Lake Linden post office. All votes to approve were "ayes."

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."

A motion was made by the Supervisor to approve construction of a separating wall inside the Firehall and installation of a secondary heater. The work would be done by volunteers from the FD. The Clerk seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

Hydrant testing and draining has been completed.

A back-up generator for the water/sewer system was discussed. It was decided to attempt to reconvene the water/sewer committee. The preliminary estimate for the project would be at least \$42,000.

The Park Committee gave a report that they are currently creating a multi year timetable for future projects.

The wrong filters were ordered for the drainfield and will be returned/reordered.

Possible renovations and upgrades for the old firehall/maintenance garage were discussed during public comment.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:42 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on December 12, 2024 at 6:30 PM.

John Wilhelm, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk