

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

3/17/2014

MEETING HELD AT: Sherman Township Hall, 3550 N. Rolland Road, Weidman, MI 48893

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Board Members Present: Supervisor Bob Thompson, Clerk Denise Livermore, Trustee Benn Johnson, Ed Oplinger & Treasurer Jane Chaffee

Board Members Absent: None

Supervisor Thompson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm

Treasurer Chaffee moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Commission on Aging Contract added, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried.

Trustee Oplinger moved to approve the minutes of 2/17/2014, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as presented: GF \$212,238.05 / LIB \$114,383.99 plus \$49,647.68/ FIRE \$207,656.68 / LK HILLS \$44,931.45 CD 467,013.18

Trustee Johnson moved to approve Payment of the Bills as presented, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Treasurer Chaffee moved to amend the 13-14 budget as follows: Move from law enforcement \$500 to the township board and \$50 to elections, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing was held. This was published in the Morning Sun newspaper March 13, 2014. No public comment on the budget.

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the 2014-2015 budget, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried

Trustee Johnson moved we accept the Brine Contract with the Road Commission for \$22,047.52, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried.

Discussion on getting a cost to chip seal Old State Road from Drew to Wiley Rd.

Commission Haupt gave an update on County Issues

County Road Commissioner gave an update on the Road Commission

Trustee Johnson moved to approve the ballot language for the Fire Millage and to place this on the August Primary Ballot, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried

Discussion was held on raising rental fees to cover expenses of building use and repairs, as well as state laws regulating special rates for special uses. Trustee Oplinger moved to charge \$200.00 for rental of the township hall with a \$50.00 refundable deposit, Supervisor Thompson supported, Trustee Oplinger – yes, Supervisor Thompson – yes, Clerk Livermore – yes, Treasurer Chaffee – no, Trustee Johnson – yes. Motion carried. Clerk Livermore asked this be reviewed again in a few months.

Planning Commission has sent some changes to the County for review. Once the review is received the board can take further action.

Fire Chief Dave Livermore gave an update on the fire dept

Marshal Robert Hooker gave an update on happenings at his office and Commended Larn Strawn for his work on a case which just closed.

Richard Schmidt gave an update on issues the Board of Review had and reported things did not go smoothly at this BOR.

Clerk Livermore reported we will be taking on more cost as the County is not doing the Public Accuracy Testing any longer and we have to cover the cost of the company coming to do this for us. Approx costs are \$400.00 for this testing.

Clerk Livermore moved to approve the new contract to include the increased rent with the Commission on Aging, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried

Trustee Oplinger moved to go into closed session to discuss attorney information on the Outdoor Wood Boiler lawsuit, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried. Board went into closed session at 9:28pm

No motions or votes were taken in closed session and the board returned to open session at 9:35pm by a motion made by Trustee Johnson and supported by Treasurer Chaffee, motion carried

Trustee Oplinger moved to reject the settlement offer on the lawsuit regarding Outdoor Wood Boilers, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted By:
Denise M. Livermore, Clerk