

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

7/21/2014

MEETING HELD AT: Sherman Township Hall, 3550 N. Rolland Road, Weidman, MI 48893
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Board Members Present: Supervisor Thompson, Clerk Denise Livermore, Treasurer Jane Chaffee, Trustee Benn Johnson and Trustee Oplinger

Board Members Absent: None

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

Trustee Oplinger moved to approve the agenda with addition of Ojibwa Representative Jessica Manley and Freedom Fireworks Request, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried.

Treasurer Chaffee moved to approve the minutes of 6/16/2014, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report as presented: GF \$185,198.01 / LIB \$143,199.47/ FIRE \$199,447.38/ LK HILLS \$34,881.67

Treasurer Chaffee moved to approve Payment of the Bills, Trustee Oplinger supported, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Jessica Manley addressed the board about where to start with issues they have in regards to the Ojibwa area – We advised to start with the County Zoning Administrator as administer of our zoning ordinance. If it does not fall under the zoning ordinances then she should contact Supervisor Thompson.

A request to waive the pavilion rental charge for a church was received – Discussion was held – based on research of township property rental the board has been advised there cannot be different rates for any organization.

An update on funding for Drew Road was given - it is believed this should be completed this year.

Freedom Fireworks has requested board approval for a permit to construct a building to house fireworks on Robert Hooker's property on School Road. Trustee Oplinger moved to approve the permit with a stipulation they we receive a copy of insurance annually and a copy of the ATFE annual inspection, Trustee Johnson supported, motion failed.

Further discussion on the Freedom Fireworks request – need to check with our insurance risk department as to township's liability if we approve this permit.

No planning or zoning updates

Public Comment – Gale Wood asked about clean up around the hall after the shrub removal.

Clerk Livermore moved to approve Gilboe's Lock to install a new threshold on door at the hall for ADA compliance – Est \$345.93, Trustee Johnson supported, motion carried

Trustee Johnson moved to approve amending the hall rental charge to be \$200 for non-residents, \$100 for residents –with proof of residency, plus a \$75 refundable deposit, Trustee Oplinger supported, Roll Call Vote: Trustee Johnson – yes, Trustee Oplinger – yes, Treasurer Chaffee – no – Clerk Livermore – yes – Supervisor Thompson –no, motion carried.

Clerk Livermore gave an update on some issues with the Library and the audit – we need to hold another budget hearing to approve the library budget and taxes to be levied. Trustee Oplinger moved to hold a budget hearing August 18, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Treasurer Chaffee spoke with the County Treasurer's Office and she will not be accepting any taxes received after the 15th – postmarks will not be accepted.

Trustee Oplinger reported he attended the school lunch program and it seemed to be running well. Trustee Johnson said they are doing a wonderful job of cleaning up after the program.

Clerk Livermore reported the fire board suggests leaving the split between Sherman & Nottawa Townships the same this year as there was little changes in the SEV formula. (55% Sherman / 45% Nottawa)

County Commissioner John Haupt gave an update on County issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully Submitted By:

Denise M. Livermore, Clerk