

Sherman Township
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2023

Meeting held at the Sherman Township Hall, 3550 N Rolland Rd, Weidman, MI 48893

Board Members Present: Supervisor Johnson, Trustee Grey, Treasurer Clark, Trustee Simon and Clerk Livermore
Board Members Absent: None

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Trustee Simon moved to approve the agenda, Trustee Grey supported, motion carried.

Trustee Grey moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2023, Trustee Simon supported, motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson called the Public Hearing to order at 7:01 pm

Public Hearing for Lake of the Hills Weed Control Special Assessment District was held. Clerk Livermore reported A list of parcel numbers had been published with the notice in the Morning Sun Newspaper and notices mailed to all owners.

Public Comment: None

Supervisor Johnson closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting at 7:02 pm

Treasurer's Report: GF \$153,025.92, GF ICS \$151,350.21, GF CD IB \$78,211.19, GF CD MER \$150,000.00 / FD Operations \$6,142.39, FD ICS \$252,249.36, FD CD MER \$150,000.00 / Lib \$66,046.42, Lib ICS \$173,650.26 / LK of Hills \$23,886.78 / \$ARPA ICS \$126,687.88, ARPA Ckg \$345.16. Tax Coll \$194,747.40

Trustee Grey moved to approve payment of the bills, Trustee Simon supported, motion carried.

Public Comment — none

Trustee Grey moved to move forward with the Special Assessment District and adopt a Resolution to make the published list of parcel number be the Special Assessment District Roll for 2024 - 2028, Trustee Simon supported, Roll Call vote Clerk Livermore – yes, Supervisor Johnson – yes, Trustee Grey – yes, Treasurer Clark – yes, Trustee Simon – yes, motion carried.

No new news on the sewer issue. Supervisor Johnson and Clerk Livermore will be meeting with the engineers and Nottawa Twp Supervisor and Clerk to discuss the camera viewing of the Weidman drains.

Building repairs are completed

Old Fire Truck offer for \$17,500.00. The Fire Board will be meeting to decide whether to accept or reject the offer.

Building Signage – Supervisor Johnson showed everyone a building sign that can be made for about \$300.00, and Trustee Simon showed the board some road sign options.

Clerk Livermore moved to adopt the taxes to be levied at the maximum available to levy for Twp Operations, Fire Millage, Library Millage and the Sp Assessment for Lake of the Hills at \$100 per lot, and to allow the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the L4029 form, Supervisor Johnson supported, motion carried.

Park Update – still need cables across the drives and the drive could use some gravel. Trustee Grey mentioned the sign on the end of the pavilion needs repairs. Supervisor Johnson is getting some costs.

Fire Millage CD Renewal – Trustee Grey moved we make the CD a 12 mo for 5% interest at Mercantile Bank at renewal date, Supervisor Johnson supported, motion carried

NSF Check Policy – In addition to our NSF fee – Treasurer Clark explained we have some who are paying taxes more than once with bad checks, so she suggests we adopt this policy presented to make them pay with guaranteed funds if their check bounces 2 times in a year, Trustee Grey supported, motion carried.

Clerk Livermore presented a quote for security camera system for the twp hall as we will have to have a security camera on the ballot box before February and it must be recorded. Discussion was held and we will get some additional prices for the next meeting.

Election Update & Ballot Box Update – Clerk Livermore gave an update on the 9 day early voting site agreement with the county and getting the ballot box installed and surveillance on it.

Printer for the Office was discussed – will get more prices for next meeting

Commission on Aging Contract needs signed but we do not have the contract – Supervisor Johnson to get for next meeting

The Commission on Aging would like permission to use the building for tax preparation on Feb 6. Mar 5 and Mar 19, 2024 – Supervisor Johnson moved to approve the use, Trustee Grey supported, motion carried.

The library needs a letter from this board stating if the building were ever not used as a library it is our intent to keep the building for public use. They need this as they are applying for a grant for funding for addition to the building. Trustee Grey moved to provide the letter, Clerk Livermore supported, motion carried.

Reports and comments from other township entities were heard.

Board member comments were heard

Treasurer Clark asked what to do with her old computer – bring it to twp hall

Funds need moved from Fire ICS acct back to Fire Checking – Clerk Livermore moved to transfer \$50,000 from the ICS acct back to the Checking acct for Fire Operations Millage Acct, Trustee Grey supported, motion carried.

Clerk Livermore reported we should look at an increase for Election Inspectors – the County is paying \$15 per hour for the 9 day early voting inspectors (which was a recommendation from the State), after doing some research on what other townships are paying, we are low and she recommends we pay the Chair \$17 per hour, the E Pollbook inspectors, \$16 per hour and all other inspectors \$15 per hour. She would like us to consider this at a future meeting before the 2024 elections.

Clerk Livermore reported our Fire Millage is up for renewal in 2024 so we need to decide which election we will place this on the ballot.

Supervisor's report was given – All cemetery drawings are almost done but Bennett- he will try to have done for our meeting

Special meeting to work on cemetery issues set for October 2, 2023, 6 pm at the hall.

Public comment: none

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Denise M. Livermore, Clerk