

Sherwood Township Meeting August 1, 2023

Supervisor Robbins called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm
Board members present: Brubaker, Whitcomb, Brott and Haack.
Pledge to the flag of the United States of America lead by Robbins.
Minutes of June 06, 2023, (July meeting canceled due to July 4th) read.
Motion to approve June minutes by Robbins, 2nd Brott. Voted and passed.

Old Business:

Robbins reported that the dust control was completed on July 28th. Delays due to weather conditions and mechanical problems. Robbins may look into another company that has fewer problems for next year. There were many concerns and questions about the dust control and road conditions.

Fire Chief Smurr and Robbins completed the grant for the fire department and submitted it on time. Should hear something by end of month.

Whitcomb and Smurr reported that the “100 year dam celebration” went well.

County Commissioner Report:

Third district county commissioner Tim Stoll gave a report on the commissioner's meetings. Branch County has received a grant for upgrading the internet service and it is being installed throughout the township and county. Stoll said there is a meeting about Maple Lawn and money to operate it. Stoll feels a better long term funding is needed.

Resident asked Stoll if he supports the U.S. Constitution. Answer “yes”.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 4 fire calls in June: one electrical, one truck versus lawnmower, one burning complaint, and one carbon dioxide detector call. 5 calls in July: one 3 car personal injury accident, one burning complaint, one power line down, one life care assist, and one mutual aid with Colon and Burr Oak fire departments, tanker only. There were two trainings in June and two in July.

Smurr said that Athens Auto parts donated a battery charger and a

battery for the Saws All to the fire department.

Smurr also reported that the fire grant had been sent in on time.

Planning Commission.

Don Esch reported that there was no PC report.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the current general fund balance is \$273,556.00 and the ARPA fund balance is \$86,565.30. Brubaker said she feels the township hall needs to be kept up and a new roof is soon to be needed. She feels that it would be good to use ARPA funds for a new roof.

Tax collection is going well and Brubaker is looking for a new deputy treasurer because former deputy has moved.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb reported that Seeley and Son had the best bid to remove trees in Blossom and North Cemeteries and have done a very nice job including cleaning up nicely.

Special School Election is going to be August 8, 2023 and is only Colon School residents.

An insurance claim has been submitted and received for the damage done to the fuel tanks and fence. The settlement was \$2,629.65. Work is going forward to get all repairs finished.

New plat books have been printed for Branch County and large maps are available to purchase for \$267.00. Haack made a motion to purchase one 36" X 36" laminated map for the township office. 2nd by Brott. Voted and passed.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Aaron Robbins noted that there are reports printed and are available that show properties SafeBuilt has taken care of lately for Sherwood Township. This process takes time. There have been many complaints filed and have gone in front of a judge and more time is granted to the resident that has the complaint filed against them. Robbins has

contacted another zoning company and will ask them to attend a meeting to give a presentation on more options.

Public Comment;

Much discussion about ordinance violations and the slow process to make improvements to these properties. Robbins said he will work with Haack and try to make process go better.

Motion to pay bills by Robbins, 2nd Brott. Voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brubaker, 2nd by Robbins. Voted and passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:16 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb