

Sherwood Township Meeting  
July, 02, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robbins 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.

Reading of the June 4, 2024 meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Haack. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brott. Voted and passed.

Old Business;

Robbins reported that the parking lot seal coating will be done August 31, 2024.

Dust control has been secured and should be done soon. A new company was recommended by Road Commissioner Jay Miller. Corrigan Environmental Solutions from Whitmore Lake Michigan will be doing the job.

SafeBuilt has made arrangements to cover damage done by the May 7th tornado along with Sherwood Township so residents affected by the storm will not have to pay for permits to rebuild or clean up their property caused by the tornado. Three permits have been paid for and they will be returned to the senders by clerk Whitcomb.

New Business;

Was brought to the boards attention by Whitcomb that the August Township meeting date will fall on the same day as the August 6<sup>th</sup> primary election. Board agreed that the August 2024 township meeting will be canceled due to the election. Was agreed that if anything should happen that needs board approval, a special meeting will be called, posted on bulletin board and posted on the Facebook page. Whitcomb added that per law she will be in the township office Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 2pm and Sunday 2pm to 5pm.

The 2024 tax millage rate proposal is .8647. Marcia Bail has reviewed them and has asked board to approve them. Supervisor Robbins read the resolution to the board. Motion was made by Robbins to approve the 2024

millage rate, 2<sup>nd</sup> Haack. All board members voted yes. Proposal passed.

Whitcomb asked the board to agree to pay Andrew Noland, the owner of Silent Cities from Milan, Michigan, \$1.60 per mile, when he returns to Sherwood Cemetery again to repair damaged stones. Noland has not requested payment and is not known if he will except payment. He has done all the work in the cemetery as a volunteer. Board agreed to pay his mileage.

Whitcomb told the board and residents in attendance that former zoning administrator Roger Bradley has passed and will be buried in Sherwood North Cemetery July 27<sup>th</sup>. ( was changed to August 3, 2024)

#### Fire Department Report;

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 6 fire calls for the month of June. One illegal burning of plastic, one shed fire, one burning complaint of brush, one car versus child personal injury accident, one down wire in village, smoke in resident basement due to overloaded electrical circuit. There were two trainings for the month.

#### Treasurers Report;

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the General Fund Balance is \$181,601.92. Revenue sharing check arrived today for \$27,779.00 which is not included in the June balance.

Union Township has sent their share of the Union Lake special tax assessment. It is \$7,425.00

Brubaker informed the board that she will be attending the Treasures workshop in Bath, Michigan and Rose Huges will be going with Brubaker. Rose has agreed to be the deputy treasurer. Rose is not a Township resident but it is not required to be for the the deputy Treasures job.

#### Clerk Report;

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb asked the board to make a motion to replace 3 trees in the front of the township hall. Whitcomb has contacted Floyd Tucker from Showcase Gardens and has asked for his professional opinions on best trees and locations. Tucker has Flowering Cherry trees that do not bear fruit and are small trees

that will not cause damage due to storms coming through. Trees are \$150 each and Tucker will plant them with a one year warranty and a two year fertilizer application. There will be a charge for planting the trees and Whitcomb feels Tucker will do a very good job. He has also agreed to try to upright the small tree in the cemetery that was donated to the township by the Sherwood Garden Club in memory of Lester Diamond at no charge. The Garden club has offered to donate the cost of one tree to the township.

Motion by Haack to purchase and pay Showcase Gardens ( Tucker ) for trees to be replanted in front of the Township Hall. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbins. Voted and passed.

The Wish a Mile Bicycle Tour is still scheduled to come through Sherwood July 28, 2024 and use the township yard for a rest spot.

#### Supervisor Report;

Supervisor Aaron Robbins reported that he has spoken again with Tim Minor about the disaster relief issue and there was nothing new to report. Minor told Robbins there seems to be a putting off funding by President because of forecast of future major storms in the coming year. Repairs need to be done by individuals. Robbins has entered a phone number on Face Book page for possible help. There were question about trees on road sides and danger to travelers and the river bottoms. Robbins said work is slowly being done by county and he will contact DNR about damage in wooded river bottoms.

#### Public Comment;

Branch County Sheriff Deputy, Frederick Blankship was present and asked for support for himself for Sheriff in the upcoming primary election

Resident Ron Denney said he has fencing that will match the fence in the cemetery that was damaged if township needs some.

Motion to approve bills by Robbins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brott. Voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Robbins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haack.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb