

## Sherwood Township Meeting November 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robbins at 7:30 pm. Board members present: Brubaker, Whitcomb, Brott and Haack.

Minutes read from the October meeting. Motion to accept the minutes as written by Robbins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brott. Voted and passed.

### Old Business:

Robbins was contacted by Upston Pavers and they said they were not able to repave the hall parking lot this year do to weather. They will do it May 2024.

Robbins spoke with Jay Miller, the Branch County Road Commissioner, and he told Robbins that work on Thrans Road will be done and considered as maintenance and not charged to Sherwood Township. Also Miller is checking on the contract concerning Oliverda Drive and if it is a private road or a county road.

The Lakeshore Long Run went well on October 22. Sherwood fire department had two trucks at two locations and Branch County Sheriff Department was present.

Robbins contacted Jay Miller about the bridge on Marl Road. Miller said the bridge is not in Branch County. Sheriff Pollack was at the meeting and said he would contact Road Commission and Calhoun County about this dangerous bridge and see what can be done.

### New Business:

Brubaker and Whitcomb are working on the 2024 Township newsletter and asked the board what other information they would like to see in it. Was suggested the election dates be added and State officials.

Brubaker asked the board to consider raising the 2024 trash cards. After discussion a motion was made by board member Fred Haack to make the 2023 trash card price \$70 per year ( January 2024 to December 31, 2024 ). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brubaker. Voted and passed.

The updated budget proposal was discussed and explained to the board by Whitcomb. Motion to accept the updated budget proposal made by Robbins. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brott. Voted and passed.

Sheriff Report:

Branch County Sheriff John Pollack gave a report on the new jail and the how the system is working and the demolishing of the old jail.

Pollack gave several reports on overtime cost and the progress on new employees being trained and hired. He also gave a report on calls and complaints for the county and Sherwood Township. A written copy was left with the board.

Pollack reminded all in attendance that now hand held cell phone use is prohibited in the State of Michigan.

Fire Department Report;

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported one personal injury accident call for the month of October. Two training's, one on combine fires and one on truck maintenance.

Smurr reported that the cascade system has been completed and the electrical inspection passed.

The \$20,000 grant has been approved and Smurr is purchasing equipment with it. The township pays expenses and in December total will be submitted and reimbursed.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the General fund balance is \$239,420.48. Revenue sharing check has not been received. ARPA fund balance is \$82,365.35. Brubaker has sent out delinquent tax notices for the first time and many residents have expressed their thanks for the reminder. December 1<sup>st</sup> new tax notices go out.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb reported that election dates are not final and that election workers are still needed.

The roof project is moving forward and Whitcomb has received estimates from two contractors. Board looked over each and there was discussion. Board member Fred Haack made a motion to accept the bid from Baker Boys Construction Company to replace the roof on the township hall and the cemetery buildings with standing seam metal roofs. Board members are to chose a color for the roof. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robbins. Voted and passed.

Whitcomb reported that the fuel tank project is complete except for the replacement of the one panel of fence.

Whitcomb reported that the 2 large head stones at the Blossom Cemetery have been repaired and the drop box in place.

Supervisor Report:

Supervisor Aaron Robbins reported that Deere Run and Beech Bay Drives have been repaved and residents are satisfied.

Robbins has had access to the progress being made on the ordinance violations and is seeing some progress. Robbins asked board's opinion on posting the junk ordinance and the progress being made on the Township Face Book page. Board agreed it may be a good idea.

Public Comment:

A resident stated that there is a property owner planting trees and placing large rocks right on his neighbor's property line on Dotson Drive. It was said that it is a state law that large trees must be 3 feet from the property line. Robbins will contact Safebuilt and see what must be done about this.

Motion to pay the bills by Robbins. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haack. Voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Robbins, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brott. Voted and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb