

Sherwood Township Meeting October 3, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robbins at 7:30 pm.
Pledge to the Flag of the United States of America was lead by Robbins.
Board members present, Brubaker, Whitcomb, Robbins and Haack.
Reading of the minutes from the September 5, 2023. Motion to accept minutes as written by Robbins, 2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

Old Business;

Township hall parking lot to be done this week or next.

New Business;

Resident Tim Haidl was present to ask board permission and to explain the Lakeshore Long Run event that will be going through parts of Sherwood Township on October 22, 2023. This event could have as many as 100 participants. Money raised will go to scholarships for high school students. The Branch County Sheriff department has been contacted and will be on sight. There will be no road closures. The organization will provide insurance. A Triathlon is also in the planning for spring. Part of the rout will be in Sherwood Township. Haidl will keep board informed. Robbins made a motion to allow the Lakeshore Long Run to enter parts of Sherwood Township on October 22 as long as board has proof of insurance for the event. 2nd by Whitcomb, voted and passed.

Two representatives from South Central Michigan Constriction Code Inspections Inc. spoke to the board about their inspections group. Gail Huff and Chris Hamilton explained how SCMCCI operates and gave board members information packets. Questions were asked and answered by the representatives. Robbins answered question of why representative were asked to the meeting, saying we need to review our options occasionally and do research to keep up to date.

Clerk Whitcomb asked the board to review and approve the WOW (wide open west) contract so it can be sent to the cable company. Motion by Robbins to accept the contract and sign it. 2nd by Haack.

Whitcomb informed the board about a monitor well that is in the township

on the north side of Main Street close to the 25 MPH ahead sign. The State of Michigan sent 2 employees here to look for it.

Research has been done on website pages and it is the boards opinion that it is not needed and that at the present time the face book page is working.

Fire Department Report;

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 2 fire calls for the month of September. One smoke investigation and one car accident. There were three trainings for the month. There was an all day training on water rescue and 3 fire fighters attended.

Smurr explained the reason for the request for the rumble strips before the intersection of M66 and M60. Robbins has contacted the road commission and they are considering this to get traffic attention when approaching this dangerous intersection. Road commission has not reported the progress on this project.

Treasures Report;

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the general fund balance is \$254,342.89. The ARPA balance is \$82,351.58.

Summer Tax deadline is over but Brubaker is still collecting taxes at the township office. There are 330 taxes not paid for this year and can be paid in Sherwood with a late fee included.

There has been 122 trash cards sold which is equal to last year at this time.

Clerk Report;

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb reported that the gas and fuel tank projects have been completed with new lighting and new pump and gauge on the diesel tank. Fence is yet to be repaired.

The required drop box is being installed by Lucas Cronkhite and he is also fixing 2 broken headstones in the Blossom cemetery. Cronkhite is doing the cemetery headstone foundations for the fall.

Whitcomb again asked the public for election workers and reported that extra workers will be needed for the 9 day early voting. Sherwood Township is working with all of Branch County at the Derth Center for the 3 elections

in 2024. See Whitcomb for details.

Supervisor Report;

Supervisor Aaron Robbins gave a report on the progress that is being made by SafeBuilt and the complaints filed and the court cases going on for the township. Vaughn Reed, SafeBuilt code enforcement officer, and Robbins have reviewed many complaints filed and started on 5 more. Robbins feels improvement is being made.

Public Comment;

There were concerns about the status and condition of Oliverda Drive. Much discussion from residents.

Questions about the dust control that was done this last summer and the quality of the job done. Also the condition of Thrans road. Robbins said he will speak with Jay Miller about all these roads and repair that can be done to them.

Motion to pay bill by Robbins, 2nd by Brubaker. Voted and passed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb