

Sherwood Township Meeting September 5, 2023

Meeting called to order by Trustee Jeff Brott at 7:30 pm.
Pledge to the United States of America led by Brott.
Board members present; Brubaker, Whitcomb, Brott and Haack.

Reading of August 1st minutes. Motion to approve minutes as written, by Brott, 2nd by Haack. Voted and approved.

Old Business;

The fire department grant was submitted and approved. Fire chief Smurr did not know the amount that will be given or when it will be awarded.

The Upston Asphalt Maintenance company has been paid half of the price for new seal coating of the township hall parking lot and told Robbins that they will be doing parking lot next week.

The Sherwood Fire Department did get a group grant (Athens, Union City) and 6 light weight fire prof, cut prof suites have been purchased through Athens Fire Department and delivered to Chief Smurr. Sherwood will be responsible for a share of the cost.

New Business;

none

Fire Department;

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 3 department training for the month of August and one training was a CPR class in Union City. There were 5 fire calls for the month. One motorcycle accident, one false fire structure call, one fire on abandon bridge, one assist to life care, and one electrical fire .

There will be a water rescue class at the Reily Bridge on September 10. This is a group class with other departments. Sherwood will have 5 taking the training.

Planning Commission;

Per Chair person Don Esch the planning commission meeting for September has been canceled. Esch also reported to Whitcomb that enough people have stepped up to be on the committee to update the Master Plan and the process will start soon.

Fred Haack made a motion to appoint Jeff Brott to replace him on the PC board due to the fact that Haack is away much of the winter months. Haack will be at the PC meeting when he is in Michigan. 2nd by Whitcomb. Voted and passed.

Treasurers Report;

Township Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the general fund balance for August was \$247,711.62. Today in the mail a Revenue Sharing check was received for \$28,422.00. The ARPA fund balance is \$86,866.21.

Brubaker reported she received a call from a resident that had missed the Colon School election and resident said it was not on the FB page. Brubaker asked if a web page would be a good thing to start and how and who can do this for the township.

The Register of deeds called Brubaker and asked if Sherwood Township would include property tax fraud information fliers in upcoming tax bills. County will provide fliers and they will fit in the envelopes with the tax bills. Board approved the request.

Clerk Report;

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb asked board permission to allow a memorial service for Mark Hicks October 4th after dark. Board oked.

Dust control has been paid \$7,117.50 and Whitcomb reported that the job was not done as well as residents feel it should have been. Robbins is looking for a different company for next year.

Elections went well with a small turn out for Colon Schools millage proposal. Bill has been sent to Colon Schools for reimbursement, \$2,419.61.

Whitcomb attended mandatory county clerk meeting August 31. County has put together an agreement for 22 Branch County precincts to do the 9 day early voting together. Whitcomb signed an agreement with other township

clerks. The cost will be much less than each doing 9 days in each precincts. Whitcomb asked residents for more election workers to cover elections. All workers at elections will be paid \$15 as per agreement.

Two 2023 plat books have been bought for the township office along with the large map of Sherwood township that is in the meeting room.

New lighting on fuel tanks has been installed and new tank should be installed next week along with an additional camera.

Plans are going forward to install the drop box required for elections.

Supervisor Report;

There has been another court date set for September 27, 2023 for property on Ottawa Drive.

Many other topics have been covered in old business.

Public Comment;

Smurr asked who is in charge of the abandoned bridge by on Marl Road. There has been fires started and fire department called out to extinguish them. The bridge is a hazard and needs attention. (Looking at new plat map it appears the bridge is on the line between Calhoun and Branch Counties)

Motion to approve bills by Brott, 2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brott, 2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

8:30pm

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb