

Sherwood Township Board Meeting
September 03, 2024

Board meeting 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.

Minutes read and motion to approve minutes made by Robbins, 2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

Sheriff John Pollack was present and gave a report to the board on the status of the new jail and the demolition of the old jail. Pollack reported that there has been 6 new deputies hired and on the road. May was a hard month for Branch County and the Sherwood area. The second quarter report was given for Sherwood Township and is on file.

Old Business:

The tanker truck needs repairs and there were calls to each board member on July 30, 2024 explaining the situation to each member. All board members said yes to repairing the tank truck transfer case and the cost. Smurr reported that the repairs are on going and there is a chance the repairs may be less costly then expected. Smurr reported that surrounding fire departments have been informed of the situation.

Dust Control was done in the township and Robbins feels the job was well done.

The seal coat and painting of the hall parking lot was not done on August 31st as scheduled due to equipment break down at Upton Asphalt Company. New date of September 21 is a possible new date.

New Business:

Due to the Labor Day catch up week there will be not garbage pick up for Saturday, September 7, as scheduled. Face Book post has been done as well as fliers posted throughout town. There will be garbage pick up on the 14th to replace the catch up date and on the 21st to get back on schedule.

Tim Haidl was present and presented the board with details and fliers of the 2024 Lakeshore Long Run 5/K on October 19, 2024. Motion was made by Robbins to allow the Run with proof of insurance submitted. 2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

County Commissioner Report:

Third district Branch County Commissioner, Tim Stoll, was present and gave reports on county commission activities. Stoll also asked opinions on the Brown Aquatic Center in Coldwater. The facility is in need of funding and the commission is having a work meeting to discuss options.

Fire Department Report;

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 8 calls in July, 1 assist to a drowning, 1 car accident, 1 farm fire, 1 personal injury accident, 2 brush fires, 1 limbs on electric wires, 1 life care assist. There were 5 calls in August. 2 life care assist, 1 smoke investigation from a furnace, 1 car accident, 1 motorcycle accident.

Smurr reported on the process of the new grass rig truck.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the general fund balance is \$175,860.00. Revenue sharing check arrived today and is not included in balance, it is \$31,000. Tax collection is going well and will be next 2 Saturdays and on September 16 from 9-5.

Brubaker told the board that there is a MTA workshop on September 26, from 9-5 in Kalamazoo. If any board member would like to attend contact Brubaker.

Clerks Report:

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb gave an update on repairs to the township properties from the May 7th tornado damage. Also gave report on August 6, election. Whitcomb read the thank you card from the Make a Wish bike a-thon.

Supervisor Report;

Supervisor Aaron Robbins reported that there has been many calls and questions about permits covered and paid for by the township and SafeBuilt. The Branch County Road Commission has been contacted about the bump on the Blossom / Oliverda Road.

Public Comment;

Doug Diamond asked what the acreage is on the township cemetery and lawn, the five year contract is coming up for his lawn service and he is working on a review of the contract.

Bill Courliss spoke to inform the board of the lake properties that have been sold to big companies and made into B&B rentals. Courliss reported that MTA is suggesting limiting these in township resident areas .

Motion to Pay bills for July and August. Motion made by Robbins, 2nd Brott. Voted and passed.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb