

Sherwood Township Meeting December 5, 2023

Meeting called to order by Trustee Jeff Brott at 7:34 pm.

Pledge to the flag of the United States of America lead by Brott.

Minutes read. Motion by Haack to approve the minutes as written. 2nd by Brubaker.
Voted and passed.

Old business:

Whitcomb reported that assessor Marcia Bail researched the boundary line between Sherwood Township and Calhoun County and the bridge that has been a concern to the fire department and the board is not in Sherwood Township. Sheriff Pollack has contacted Calhoun county about the condition of the bridge and the concerns.

New Business:

Two members of the PC board terms need to be reinstated. Ken Bell and Ron Denney have accepted the positions and the board has approved.

It was brought to the boards attention that the township solar and wind ordinances need to be updated due to the new Michigan State legislation that has been passed. Motion made by Whitcomb to appoint the Planning Commission authority to investigate options and report back to the township board with their recommendations. 2nd Brott, voted and passed.

A visitor presented a resolution that has been approved by many townships and she asked if the board would look at it and consider signing and sending it.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were 6 fire calls for the month of November. One assist to Union City FD, one assist to Athens FD, one assist to Life Care. One structure fire stand by, one trash fire close to trailer, and one possible gas leak. Two training were done by fire fighters.

Smurr has spoken with Sheriff Pollack about the condition on the private drive, Chippawa Circle and the safety concerns to the residents living there. Supervisor Robbins reported that Whitcomb and he are working on letters to send to owners of property in the area warning them that the fire department will not travel the private drive until conditions are improved.

Smurr reported that the cascade system is running and he would like to purchase a maintenance contract with Pneu-Matic Engineering ,Inc., used by other local fire departments. This company will maintain and test the equipment. This contract is \$1118.58 per year. Motion made by Robbins to accept the maintenance contract with Pneu-Matic Engineering yearly, 2nd Brott. Voted and passed.

Treasures Report:

Treasurer Dale Marie Brubaker reported the General fund balance is \$243,622.00 and the ARPA fund balance is \$44,662.00. Half of the roof replacement cost has been paid to the Baker Boys Construction from the ARPA Funds.

Brubaker reported that there is one delinquent tax bill due on a property on Blossom Road that belongs to the township. Branch County is encouraging the township to pay the tax due. To cover the cost Brubaker recommends that the property should be sold for \$500.

Brubaker asked for board approval to move the Perpetual Care CD from the Huntington Bank to the Kellogg Community Credit Union due to better interest rates. Robbins gave board approval for Brubaker to move the CD to Kellogg Community Credit Union.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Marjorie Whitcomb reported that the fence and fuel tanks are completed. Whitcomb gave a election report.

Supervisor Report;

Supervisor Aaron Robbins said most has been covered.

County Commisioner Report;

County Commissioner Tim Stoll gave a county report.

Public Comment:

Much public comment about new energy issues past by Governor Whitmer.

Township resident has concerns about properties in the township not complying with ordinances. Much discussion. (correction made)

Motion to pay bills by Robbins, 2nd by Brott. Voted and passed.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Robbins, 2nd by Brott. Voted and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb

