

Sherwood Township Board Meeting
October 01, 2024

Supervisor Robbins call the regular board meeting to order after the close of the Election committee meeting. 7:35 pm.

Board members in attendance; Brubaker, Whitcomb, Brott, and Haack.

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

Minutes read and a motion to approve minutes from the September 03, 2024 made by Robbins. 2nd by Brott. Voted and passed.

Old Business:

The Sherwood fire department tanker truck has been repaired at a much less cost than expected. Dependable Fire Apparatus was able to repair the transfer case and not have to replace it. Cost was \$13,782.81. Chief Smurr reported that the job was done very well.

The 2023 audit has been completed by Paul Plant and is ready to be picked up. Whitcomb reported that this was a one year audit completed due to changing officials. Plant reported that nothing was out of order with the audit.

The drive at the township hall was not done in September due to equipment breakdowns and is rescheduled for October 4th and 5th. Robbins will contact Upston Asphalt and confirm this date.

New Business:

Due to the upcoming election on November 5, 2024 the regular township meeting will be need to be moved to Monday, November 4, 2024. Robbins made a motion to hold the November 2024 regular township meeting on Monday November 4, 2024 at 7:30. 2nd by Brubaker. Voted and passed.

Fire Department Report:

Sherwood Fire Chief Jeff Smurr reported there were only two fire calls for the month of September. One auto roll over on Babcock Road and one Mutual Aid call to Athens fire department for the structure fire in Athens village on Veterans Drive. There were three department training's.

Smurr reported that the brush fire truck continues to be worked on.

Fire Appreciation Day in Union City will be Saturday October 5th and the Sherwood Township Fire Department will be in attendance. The fire fighters volunteer their time to this event.

Treasurers Report:

Sherwood Township Treasurer, Dale Marie Brubaker reported the general fund balance is \$ 175,566.60.

Brubaker reported that she attended the MTA workshop last week and said it was very informative for her. She thanked the board for allowing her to attend..

Brubaker reported for Township Assessor Marcia Bail that there will be letters going out to home owners that were affected by the May 7, 2024, tornado that concerns the re-assessments of said properties. The letters will be sent in October.

Clerk Report:

Sherwood Township Clerk, Marjorie Whitcomb, reported that repairs have been made to the fuel tanks enclosure, township building and cemetery. EMC insurance has been great to work with along with Baker Construction, Matt Dennis from Motor Shop, Warner Oil, D&K Fence, Sealey & Sons Tree Service, and Diamond Lawn Service.

Whitcomb asked Safebuilt for a report on total of building permits that have been deferred due to tornado damage. They are getting totals for her.

Whitcomb reported that ballot requests are still coming to her and 25 ballots have come back to the office so far.

Supervisor Report:

Sherwood Township Supervisor Aaron Robbins began by thanking the township boards for their support and help to him during his term of Supervisor. He also thanked Fire Chief Smurr for all his work in improving the fire department and finding “good deals” on equipment and repairs. Robbins also thanked the public that was in attendance for coming to the meetings and their support.

Many issues had been covered in earlier reports.

Public Comment:

Don Esch, chairperson of the Planning Commission reported that there will be a PC meeting on November 12, 2024 at 7:30 pm. The PC board would like to address the issue of solar energy and keeping authority local. Also making a change to penalties for zoning violations in the township.

Bill Courliss was also in attendance and thanked the board for sending him to the MTA workshop. He also thanked Robbins for his service to the township. Courliss asked the board to look into a new ordinance that will address the use of short term rentals in the township.

Robbins made a motion that the Sherwood Township Board grant the Planning Commission permission to look at the present solar / wind ordinances to be sure they comply with state regulations and to make modifications so they are in the best interest of Sherwood Township and to look into short term rental (less than 30 days) ordinances that need to be addressed for the township. The PC board may request the advice of the township legal firm up to the charges of \$500.00.

2nd by Haack. Voted and passed.

Don Esch reminded board that a public hearing meeting will have to be scheduled after changes are made and before board can approve such changes.

Marland Kinney, resident of Blossom Lake, on Level Drive , Sherwood Township spoke to the board about the condition of Blossom Lake and the wash that is entering the lake. He has requested that the board do something about this. Robbins said he will contact the DNR and the drain commissioner about this matter and see what action can be made.

Motion to approve the bills was made by Robbins. 2nd by Haack.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made Robbins. 2nd by Brott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Township Clerk,
Marjorie Whitcomb