

REGULAR MEETING
Sherman Township Board
September 14, 2023

Supervisor Middlemis-Brown called the regular meeting of the Sherman Township Board to order on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Sherman Township office. Other Board members attending were Clerk JT Reno, Treasurer Marilyn Kastelic, Trustee Deneen Connell, and Trustee Sondi Mathews. There were also 9 members of the public attending.

Trustee Connell made a motion to approve and discuss the agenda, the Supervisor seconded. An update on the slide for the park project, Fire Dept Auxiliary community kitchen remodel request, and a new office computer were added to the agenda. All votes to approve the agenda, with the additions, were "ayes."

There was no public comment at this time.

The minutes from the August 10, 2023 regular meeting were presented. Trustee Connell made a motion to approve the minutes, the Supervisor seconded, and all votes to approve were "ayes."

A motion was made by the Clerk to approve and discuss expenditures, Trustee Mathews seconded. Power bills, a payment to WhiteWater, A-1 Toilets for the park unit, and fuel from Krans Oil were all added to the expenditures. All votes to approve expenditures with the additions were "ayes."

The Supervisor went over the correspondence from the lawyer and there was discussion on each issue. It was the lawyer's opinion that the portion of the contract concerning free water and sewer service violated the Townships own ordinances as well as the Revenue Bond Act making it unlawful and void. It was his recommendation that the Township "notify the Keweenaw County Historical Society that it can no longer honor the prior agreement to provide free water and sewer services." Trustee Connell made a motion, seconded by the Supervisor, to follow the lawyers advice and send a letter to the Historical Society informing them of the findings. The Supervisor will handle the correspondence. All votes to approve were "ayes." Concerning the Township paying water/sewer service for its own buildings, it was the lawyers opinion that the services (billing, budget oversight, etc.) provided for the water/sewer system by the Township should be viewed as "services in kind" and there should be no charge for services. The Supervisor made a motion to follow the lawyers advice and consider it "services in kind," Trustee Mathews seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

There was an update that the park committee had received the necessary quotes for the slide. There was a motion made by the Supervisor to order the slide the park committee had decided upon. Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve "ayes."

There was public comment and discussion concerning the schoolhouse water/sewer services.

Rural Development has a program to assist in 5 year rate planning for water and sewer systems. It was discussed to develop the plan through them and the Supervisor is making contact.

The Clerk made a motion through Resolution to approve application to the MTPP grant for a fire station backup generator. The motion was seconded by Trustee Connell and all votes to approve were "ayes" during a roll call vote.

A proposal was brought forward by the Fire Department Aux. to upgrade and renovate the kitchen in the community hall. The auxiliary would provide funding for the project and submit a plan for Board approval before beginning. The Supervisor made a motion to accept the proposal, the Clerk seconded, and all votes to approve were "ayes."

After reviewing quotes for slides for the park collected by the park committee, the Supervisor made a motion to approve the purchase of a slide 6 foot slide from Swingsetmall.com. Trustee Connell seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

The Clerk made a motion to purchase a new computer for the Township office, a limit of \$2,500 was set. The Supervisor seconded and all votes to approve were "ayes."

After a short discussion on pest control for the Community Hall Trustee Connell agreed to look in to quotes for pest control.

A motion to adjourn was made by the Supervisor at 7:42 PM, the Clerk seconded.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on October 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Rob Middlemis-Brown, Supervisor

JT Reno, Clerk