

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 18, 2024, held at the Sheridan Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Corliss Gulembo, Marlynn Gulembo, Jennie Borema, Jeffery Cormany, Douglas Damkoehler and 27 guests.

Pledge to the Flag.

Clerk read minutes of last meeting. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was given; motion to approve by Cormany, supported by Damkoehler; carried.

Clerk reported that the Clerk's and Treasurer's books balance at \$269,736.12, prior to the meeting.

Sheriff Cole reported 4 calls in the Township in April and 12 in May. He also reported the following:

*There will be a Sheriff's boat on Round Lake on July during the fireworks.

*The Sheriff's Department responded to a report of a vehicle in the Walmart parking lot with drugs and guns. A high-speed chase ensued. Assistance was given by the drones and the dog and they were apprehended. Deputies found 3 oz. of meth, Fentanyl, and guns.

Cormany requested that the Sheriff's Patrol drive through Ford Lake Estates when they are in the area. Sheriff will take care of it.

Assessor Nancy Vandervest reported that she has started the 2025 assessment roll and gave the Clerk a copy of the revised Land Division Application, which was updated with her contact information and fee change.

Susan Evans, representing Friends of Seniors Committee, addressed those in attendance, promoting the upcoming Senior Millage. The money generated supports four Senior Centers, HELP Ministries, and Meals on Wheels. This is a millage renewal of 0.2979 mills for 6 years. She also gave information on CHILL grants. Grant amounts range from \$1,000 - \$40,000. Applications will be available soon and can be obtained from FiveCap and partner agencies.

Dave Bendele, a candidate for Mason County Drain Commissioner, introduced himself and provided his credentials.

Debbie VanderHaag asked Sheriff Cole about the Payne property on Benson Rd. She had a concern regarding someone on the property who threatened her with a gun. She called Law Enforcement, but they would not respond.

Chris Kotecki, the field person for Zoning Enforcement and the Junk Authority, was in attendance and explained the Junk Authority and Junk Ordinance. There is a process that must be followed as well as processes with the judicial system. They are working on a new ordinance that should be ready in the next few weeks. They have hired some lawyers from Grand Rapids who are working on educating the judges on the enforcement of the violations.

Many questions were asked of Mr. Kotecki, including how long a trailer can be parked--120 consecutive days on private property, and how property becomes condemned-- the Building Inspector condemns property.

Clerk presented the Michigan Townships' Association dues billing. Motion by Damkoehler, support from Cormany, to pay the optional Legal Defense Fund amount of \$34. Motion carried.

Bob Wilson asked about the Ross Drain that many residents have been assessed for. It looks like the project has stopped. Supervisor stated that he understands the project will be finished with maintenance money. Wilson also asked about Schoenherr Rd. He was told that Sheridan Township has to initiate work on that road. He was told that it is a primary road.

Motion to pay bills by Cormany, supported by Damkoehler; carried.

Motion to adjourn by M. Gulembo, supported by Borema; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlynn E. Gulembo

Marlynn E. Gulembo, Clerk