

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 15, 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 9 guests.

Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of the September regular meeting, October 2 Election Commission Meeting, and October 7 Special meeting were read and 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 \$135,400.20, prior to the meeting.

Sheriff Cole presented the September activity report for the Township, noting 10 calls for service, including 2 crashes. He reported that all positions in the Sheriff's Department are filled. The jail is close to being full, with consistently 92-93 inmates. He addressed the new speed limit setting requirements, giving townships more authority as it pertains to reducing the speed limit on Tallman Lake Rd. Two residents were in attendance that spoke regarding their concerns. Sheriff Cole will contact Road Commission Manager, Steve Wessels, regarding the issue.

A resident reported that there is a large bush on the northwest corner of Decker Rd. and Tallman Lake Rd. That needs to be cut back or removed due to reduced visibility. Supervisor will contact the Road Commission.

Assessor Nancy Vandervest presented her report. The PRE filing deadline is November 1 for the 2024 taxes. The Township's residential ratio is 44.64, which will be an approximate 11% increase in SEV in the Residential class for 2025. This was based on a 24-month sales study of 87 properties. The 2024 ratio was 45.3, which was a 10.5% increase. She also presented her new Assessor's Certification and reported that she is working on land values for 2025 and new construction.

Commissioner Ron Bacon reported that the County has applied for another MI Neighbor grant for \$200,000, that would include septic and wells. The deadline to apply for the CHILL grant is November 15. There are 100 applicants so far. The grant is approved on a first-come, first-served basis.

Harold Morse reported that the Cemetery is done for the winter. He offered to meet with new board members at the Cemetery in the spring so they can see how it operates.

On a motion by Cormany, supported by C. Gulembo, Al Thomas was selected to serve on the Round Lake Improvement Board as the riparian member. Motion carried. Clerk will let Rob Allard from the Drain Commission know that Al was the Board's selection.

Discussion was held on renting the hall with the option for air conditioning or heat. Motion to include either of those at the time the Rental Agreement is submitted at an additional cost of \$50 per rental day. Motion supported by Cormany, and carried. Clerk will add this to the Rental Agreement.

Clerk reported that at the recent MTA District Meeting, discussion was held on groups using township facilities at no cost. The Ford Lake Improvement Board has been having their meetings at the hall at no cost. The Lake Improvement Boards are not township organizations or committees, and should not be granted free rental. Clerk will let Rich Rouwhorst know that, in the future, they will have to pay the rental fee or meet elsewhere. Round and Thunder Lake Improvement Boards meet at the Drain Commission office in Scottville.

Motion to pay bills by Cormany, supported by C. Gulembo; carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marlynn E. Gulembo  
Marlynn E. Gulembo, Clerk