

SHERIDAN TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 21, 2025, held at the Sheridan Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present were Clerk Marlynn Gulembo, Treasurer Jennie Borema, Trustee Jennifer Tyndall, Trustee Rich Rouwhorst and 15 guests.

Due to the absence of the Supervisor, the board voted unanimously for Trustee Rouwhorst to act as meeting moderator.

Pledge to the Flag.

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

Treasurer's report was given; motion to approve by Tyndall, supported by Rouwhorst; carried.

Clerk reported that the Clerk's and Treasurer's books balance at \$56,613.64, prior to the meeting.

Karen Bagwell, representing Friends of the Pool, presented information for those in attendance regarding the West Shore Community College pool. It is anticipated that the pool is slated to be closed/removed in the Spring. The group is asking for support in keeping the pool operational.

Sheriff Cole presented the December 2024, as well as the yearly activity report. Regarding the Payne property, anyone that goes on the property will be arrested, charged with criminal trespass, and fined \$200/day.

Assessor Nancy Vandervest gave an update on the Consumer Price Index and how to calculate new Taxable Value. The Township will need to approve Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test. Clerk will check current Asset Test percentage and the Board will approve the update at the February meeting. She also presented Board of Review dates for 2025:

Organizational Meeting ~ March 4 at 1:30 p.m.

March Board of Review ~ March 10, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. and March 12, 3-9 p.m.

July Board of Review ~ July 22, 1:30 p.m.

December Board of Review ~ December 9, 1:30 p.m.

Road Commission Manager Steve Wessels and Jeff Loeser and were in attendance. They suggested that the Board plan to pave ¼ mile around the lakes each year. The erosion is costing the Road Commission a lot of money. They are responsible for maintenance, but our maintenance is above normal maintenance. He spoke about a contract for "Various Roads Project", comparable to what Riverton Township has. Otherwise, they stated that the roads are in good shape. Drainage is a problem and they've been working on that. Our cost-share amount for 2025 is \$27,157.31.

Bill Chye complemented the Road Commission on the Morse Rd. project. He also stated that the garbage truck goes up and down the road. They responded that the weigh master only works during the time road restrictions are on and there's no real solution. They were asked about the current Road Commission building in Scottville and Mr. Wessels replied that he would like to see it used for educational purposes. A resident asked if he can put down his own gravel. He was told to contact the Road Commission. The bill will go to the Township and the resident will pay the Township.

Brief discussion was held on speed studies. Wessels said that, although PA33 gives local government more say in speed limits, nothing has changed with the Michigan State Police, who ultimately have to approve. Wessels suggested "advisory signs", stating, for example, 15 mph.

Gulembo reported that last year's property insurance premium was \$3,916 and this year's premium is \$5,000. Our agency, Burnham & Flower, stated that they were informed by ParPlan that the minimum premium is now \$5,000, no matter the exposure. Clerk has asked them to get costs from other companies.

Gulembo made a motion to make the following budget amendments: Increase Reimbursements Income by \$586.67 and increase Elections Expense by \$586.67. This reflects the reimbursement for a portion of Early Voting Inspectors we paid for the August Primary. Motion supported by Tyndall; carried. Gulembo also informed the Board that she intends to

purchase fire proof storage for election equipment (gun safe). There is an Election Security Grant of \$1,000 from the State available. The expense will be in this fiscal year, but probably won't be reimbursed until next fiscal year.

Park Caretaker, Larry Hoffman, reported that he will have a new sign made for the Park. Discussion was held on getting prices from other portable toilet companies. Our current provider, Ace-1, is no longer located in the Township, and are in Hart. They will only service the portables on Tuesday whereas Hoffman would like them to come on Thursday, before the weekend when we get the most campers.

Motion to pay bills by Tyndall, supported by Rouwhorst; carried.

Motion to adjourn by Tyndall, supported by Rouwhorst; carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlynn E. Gulembo

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