SHERMAN TOWNSHIP MINUTES
February 10, 2026 Monthly Meeting

The February 10, 2026 meeting of the Sherman Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag. All members were present. 6 guests attended.

Motion by Pam Will, seconded by Marty Block to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2026 meeting. Motion carried.

Total Township Funds as of January 31, 2026 were $938,638.89. Total bills paid for January, 2026 were $16,702.75. Kathi noted that she has adjusted the budget Treasurer Supplies +100.00 and Contingency -100.00.

Correspondence: Kathi noted the Road Commission meeting on March 11th. Nathan and Marty will attend. Also noted was the FetchGIS letter and invoice for 2026. Nathan presented Floodplain information received from FEMA.

Pam Will and Marty Block reported on the recent Ambulance meeting. The next meeting is April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Marty Block, seconded by Ladonna Volmering to adopt Resolution 2026-0210AM, which includes Sherman Township as a constituent unit of the Eastern Huron Ambulance Service, at a cost of $40 per resident in the township, for a total cost of $39,960.00 for 2026. Will, Jahn, Mazure, Volmering, and Block voting yes. Motion carried.

Phil Weber reported on the fire department. They are proposing to add 2-3 new firemen. The board authorized training 2 firemen, which will be advertised in the Minden City Herald. Discussion was also held on selling the grass rig and purchasing a used mini pumper or refurbishing the existing tanker. Phil will do more research on the options. He also noted an issue with the power washer valve.

Motion by Pam Will, seconded by Nathan Mazure to contract with Brad Walsh to install a motorized damper for the power washer at a cost of $905.50. Motion carried.

Dan Volmering reported on the planning commission. The Master Plan is completed and a Public Hearing will be scheduled in the near future. Zoning updates are being reviewed and finalized; and a Public Hearing will also be scheduled. A Data Center Moratorium was discussed. Per legal advice, no permits can be issued until zoning guidelines are completed, which the planning commission will be working on. The next meeting is April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Lawyer, Kyle O'Mara will attend to answer any additional questions.

Nathan Mazure reported that he had issued 1 permit in the prior month. He also noted that he attended a zoom meeting concerning electronic permit issuance. He does not feel it necessary at this point for the cost. Zoning fees were discussed. Modifications will be proposed for Short-term rental renewals, along with battery storage facility permit fees. Updates will be set in March, effective April 1, 2026.

Kurt Geiger reported on County issues.

Kurt Geiger reported on the assessing department. Change notices should be in the mail in the next 2 weeks. Taxable values will increase 2.7%, with agricultural land increasing and residential decreasing in most cases.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Pam Will to adopt Resolution 26-0210P, which sets the Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test for 2026. Volmering, Jahn, Mazure, Will and Block voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladonna Volmering, seconded by Pam Will to adopt Resolution 2026-0210A, which sets the Clerk's salary at $15,440.00 annually. All members voting yes, except Kathi, who abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Ladonna Volmering, seconded by Kathi Jahn, to adopt Resolution 2026-0210B, which sets the Supervisor's salary at $10,500.00 annually. All members voting yes, except Nathan, who abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Ladonna Volmering, to adopt Resolution 2026-0210C, which sets the Treasurer's salary at $15,440.00 annually. All members voting yes, except Pam, who abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Pam Will, to adopt Resolution 2026-0210D, which sets the Trustee's salary at $2,135 annually. All members voting yes, except Marty & Ladonna who abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Pam Will to adjust the following wages April 1, 2026: Hourly at $18.50; Half Day Pay at $74.00; and Full Day Pay at $148.00; Assessor Pay at $18,380.00, Landfill $112.00 weekly, Cemetery Maintenance $1040.00, Zoning Administrator $1,635 annually; and Deputy Clerk & Treasurer $400.00 annually. Motion carried.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Ladonna Volmering to set the following Fire Department Salaries: Chief $4,765.00, Deputy Chief $1,542.00, Captains (each) $310.00, Training Officer $810.00 & Secretary $257.00. Fire Run Pay $20.00, Work/Maintenance Meetings $45, Regular Meeting $35, and Training Meetings $40. Motion carried.

Landfill invoices from Emterra were discussed. Kathi obtained information that there is an additional cost for any weight over 6 tons. Dump pass holders will need to be reminded that the dump site is for normal household waste. No building materials, business items, or non-household items will be accepted. A new sign will also be posted at the dump.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Ladonna Volmering to approve the Principles of Governance are being followed by all elected officials. Motion carried.

Cemetery grave site fees were discussed.

Motion by Ladonna Volmering, seconded by Marty Block to increase the grave site fees, effective April 1, 2026, to $500 for any township resident or taxpayer of property in the township of Sherman. Grave sites for non-residents/non-taxpayers will be $1000, to be more in line with area cemeteries. Motion carried.

Public comment: Kurt Geiger noted that he heard that area members of the ambulance service appreciated the questions asked by Sherman Township representatives at the recent meeting.

All approved bills were paid.

Motion by Kathi Jahn, seconded by Nathan Mazure to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Kathi J Jahn, Clerk Nathan Mazure, Supervisor