

Minutes of the January 5, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday January 5, 2026, at 7:00 pm, in the meeting room of the township hall. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor-Smalligan at 7:00 pm. After the pledge of allegiance, roll call was taken and members present were Karen Berens, Doug Berens, Ken Smalligan, and Jamie Kukal. Stan Stroven was absent.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to approve the agenda as presented. All approved, motion passed.

Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by K Berens to approve the minutes from December 1, 2025, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting the large bill for the Event ordinance publications. Berens also reported receiving a revenue sharing check of \$38,075. A Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by J Kukal to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Absent was S Stroven, Motion passed.

Clerk-Kukal presented the clerk's report, highlighting that it was a quiet month. Kukal read a letter of interest from Ken Smalligan to be considered for the alternat position on the White Cloud Sherman Utilities Board. A motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to appoint Smalligan to the open position as alternate on the White Cloud Sherman Utilities Board. All approved, motion passed. Kukal then presented the Cemetery Rates for consideration of increases to cover the increased cost incurred by West Michigan Burial Vault rate increases. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens to increase the resident lot prices by \$50 and the opening rates also by \$50. All approved, motion passed.

Supervisor- Smalligan presented the recommendations from the Newaygo County Road Commission for this year's road project.

1. Wedge and Overlay 32n St. between Parson Ave and Baldwin Ave for \$175,200.
2. Wedge and overlay Ferris Ave between 32nd St and 40th St for \$144,560.
3. Wedge and overlay Ferris Ave between 40th St and 48th St for \$158,432.
4. Wedge and overlay 8th St between Baldwin Ave and Crosswell Ave for \$149,600.
5. Wedge and overlay Luce Ave between 8th St and 16th St for \$145,440.
6. Crush, shape and pave Luce Ave from Baseline Rd south 2,380 feet and wedge and overlay 2,860 feet south to 8th St for \$183,593.
7. Wedge and reseal 8th St between Crosswell Ave and Luce Ave for \$121,280.

Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to approve the bid to wedge and overlay 32nd St between Parsons Ave and Baldwin Ave for \$175,200. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Absent was S Stroven, Motion passed.

Smalligan presented Resolution 2026-1, the annual elected officials pay scale for review. Motion was made by K Smalligan and 2nd by D Berens, that the township board deems that an adjustment in

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the salary of the officers of township elected officials is warranted; an increase of \$100 a month for both the Treasure and Clerk.:

- Supervisor: \$12,000, salary
- Treasurer: \$15,600, salary
- Clerk: \$14,400, salary
- Trustees: \$135, per meeting

Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, Ken Smalligan and J Kukal No; none. Absent was S Stroven, Motion passed.

There were no trustee reports at this time.

Assessor-Story was not present, so Supervisor-Smalligan presented the yearly BOR Resolutions for consideration. Resolution 2026-2, Accepting Letters of Protest From township Residents for March 2026 Board of Review. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by D Berens to adopt Resolution 2026-2, Accepting Letters of Protest From township Residents for March 2026 Board of Review as presented. All approved, motion passed. Resolution 2026-3, to provide for alternate starting dates for March, July and December 2026 Board of Review. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens to adopt Resolution 2026-3, to provide for alternate starting dates for March, July and December 2026 Board of Review. All approved, motion passed. Adoption of the Property tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines was presented next. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by D Berens to adopt the Property tax Poverty Exemption Guidelines for 2026. All approved, motion passed.

For White Cloud Sherman Utilities Karen Koprolices reported that it was a smooth meeting where they went over the annual financial reports.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$3,715.25 and collecting \$321.20 last month. For White Cloud, the Emergency services Cost Recovery Ordinance was tabled for next month.

There was not unfinished business at this time.

There was no public comment at this time.

There was no Board member comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by: Jamie Kukal-Clerk

Visitors present:	Wayne Berens	Karen Koprolices	Gary Smalligan
	Jerry Engel	Dale & Julie Berens	Chad Kukal
	Cyle Barrett	Richard Chenard	Vonda Tollefson

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Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025

Dec 31, 25	
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	394,605.93
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	20,602.85
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	1,852.93
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	38,161.36
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	28,083.94
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	483,307.01
151-001 · Cemetery cash	5,741.10
202-001 · Road Checking	67,215.63
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	6,521.39
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	6.52
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	6,527.91
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	257,080.68
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	23,911.63
Total Checking/Savings	847,410.25
Total Current Assets	847,410.25
TOTAL ASSETS	847,410.25
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	847,410.25