

Minutes of the June 1, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday, June 1, 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, Stan Stroven, Ken Smalligan, and Jamie Kukal.

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

Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to approve the minutes from May 4, 2026, as presented. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to open the Public Hearing for Crystal Lake Aquatic Plant Control. All approved and motion passed. The hearing was opened with a short overview given by Rick Buteyn an environmental scientist from Progressive Companies, explaining the purpose and budget of the Crystl Lake Aquatic Plant Control Assessment. For the public comment section Cindy Mansfield spoke first addressing her concerns that the lake is dying. She claims they cannot drive around the lake without having to clean out their propeller. She would like confirmation that the recommendations for treatment are being followed. Supervisor-Smalligan confirmed that the SAD is following the recommendations for treatment. Mr. Buteyn confirmed that only exotics are targeted and treated according to the recommendations, but native plant life is not treated and is often what they might be finding clogging their boat propellers. Daniel Veluhias asked if studies are being done on the removal of native plants, such as Lilly pads by individuals and the impact it is having on the lake. Mr. Buteyn confirmed that each year a plant inventory is taken and they have seen very detrimental results to the health of the lake due to the removal of the native plants on the lake shore. Carl V spoke as a lifelong farmer and the fact that all chemical companies have a history of lying about the safety of their products and the effects they have on lakes due to runoff and such. Mike Ringquest commented that the water clarity has a great deal to do with the runoff due to the high volume of rain this spring and we all use fertilizer and such on our lawns. Lori Tissue asked about the Stary Stonewort and if the surpluses of funds would be enough to treat the lake if it shows evidence of it? Mr. Buteyn commented that it is very dense and evasive. Many treatments are very costly and repetitive, so the surplus of funds will help, but if it gets in the lake, it would be a continuous process to try and control it. Supervisor-Smalligan reminded everyone that this proposed cap of assessment would be \$277 per parcel. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 2 DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVAL OF PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COST; FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; none. Motion passed. Motion was made by J Kukal and K Berens to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 3 RESOLUTION SCHEDULING HEARING ON ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR CRYSTAL LAKE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2027-2036 as presented. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; none. Motion passed. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to close the public hearing. All approved, motion passed.

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Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting that it is very early in the month for bills, but she did pay the first half of the road work bill at \$87,600. . A Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to accept the Treasurer's report and authorize the payment of bills. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; none. Motion passed.

Clerk-J Kukal presented the report highlighting a successful May election, a scheduled ZBA hearing for tomorrow night and the upcoming August election. For appointment of the open position of Assessor there were two candidates. Brian Story, the current assessor, submitted his letter of interest to continue as assessor. Terri Blake also submitted her letter of interest in the assessor's position. Motion was made by S Stroven to appoint Terri Blake to the position of assessor, but there was no support, motion died. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by J Kukal to reappoint Brian Story as assessor and give him a rate increase of \$100 per month. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; S Stroven. Motion passed 4 to 1. For Library Board only one candidate, the current representative, Anne VandeKieft submitted her letter of interest to continue as the representative. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by J Kukal to reappoint Anne VandeKieft as the Fremont Area District Library Board Representative. All approved, motion passed. Clerk Kukal presented the Cemetery Rates and a proposed wording change to include evening hourly rate of \$150 per hour to match the billing from the burial company. Motion was made by D Berens and 2nd by S Stroven to make those proposed changes to the Cemetery Rates. All approved, motion passed.

There were no trustee reports.

Supervisor- Smalligan reported on the communication from ITC on the proposed project for Long Range Transmission Infrastructure.

Assessor-Story was not present, and no report was provided.

For Planning Commission, D Berens reported that they are looking at options to protect the Township against Data Centers.

Building inspector Smalligan reported 1 permit and 7 inspections for last month.

Deputy Zoning Administrator C Kukal confirmed 1 permit for the month.

Cemetery Report – Vonda Tollefson confirmed that the water has been turned on.

Hall Rental and Maintenance – Dale Berens report that he has attempted to contact Paulsons, but they have yet to return his call.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities - Karen Koprolces reported that they will have a budget meeting on June 8th.

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For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$671.66 and collecting \$1058.11 last month.

For White Cloud Fire District, Supervisor Smalligan presented the Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance for consideration. Motion was made by J Kukal and 2nd by K Berens to adopt the Hazardous Emergency Cost-Recovery Ordinance as presented. All approved, motion passed.

There was no unfinished business at this time.

For public comment, Wayne Berens thanked the board for reappointing Brian Story as assessor, he really appreciates Brian's professionalism and guidance with the BOR.

There was no Board member comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

Submitted by: Clerk-Jamie Kukal

Visitors present:	Wayne Berens	Karen Koprolces	Gary Smalligan
	Dale Berens	Brett Derks	Dick Chenard
	Vonda Tollefson	Chad Kukal	Terri Blake
	Many Crystal Lake Residence see list below.		

Name
ROGER & DIANNE BRENNER
Richard & Kathy Smith
Robert S. Thomasma
KEVIN KASTRA
KAREN KOPROLCES
JANUARY
Manfield
Joshua Fink
Jack Hendon
Michael + Judy Tanis
Glenn + Laurie Tissue
Dave Astor

Name
TERRY KRAKER
MIKE BISSCHOP
DANIEL V. JONES
STACEY BOELFAGNA
Sheryl, Staffans (Pff)
Carl Van Nieuwen

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Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk

Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2026

	May 31, 26
▼ ASSETS	
▼ Current Assets	
▼ Checking/Savings	
▼ MASTER ACCOUNT	
101-001 · General Fund cash	415,428.24
203-001 · Mayo Drive cash	26,292.85
220-002 · Robinson Lake Cash	23,034.11
221-001 · Crystal Lake Cash	46,811.36
336-001 · Fire protection millage Fr & WC	28,381.28
Total MASTER ACCOUNT	539,947.84
151-001 · Cemetery cash	9,767.48
202-001 · Road Checking	217,215.63
249-001 · Capital acquisition cash	3,626.29
▼ 260-001 · Gerber FCU	
261-336 · Gerber Fire Runs Savings	1,078.63
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account	6.52
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU	1,085.15
401-001 · Winter Tax Account	3,026.78
402-002 · Summer Tax Account	9,211.85
Total Checking/Savings	783,881.02
Total Current Assets	783,881.02
TOTAL ASSETS	783,881.02
▶ LIABILITIES & EQUITY ▶	783,881.02 ◀