

Minutes of the May 4, 2026, Regular Board Meeting of Sherman Township

The regular scheduled meeting of the Sherman Township Board was held on Monday, May 4, 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 D Berens and 2nd by K Berens to approve the minutes from March 2, 2026, with corrections. All approved, motion passed.

There was no public comment at this time.

Treasurer-Berens presented her report of outgoing funds highlighting that it is very early in the month for bills, however she did make the requested transfers to both the road fund and the Cemetery fund. . A Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by D Berens to accept the Treasurer's report, authorizing 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. Revenue sharing check was \$34,321.

Clerk-J Kukal presented the report highlighting the May election for the next day. She is still working on confirming the reprints of both the master plan and the ordinance by the program at NCRESA.

Supervisor- Smalligan reported on the 27th Circuit Court Case #26-00258 Marvin R Duer and Prudence L Kukal vs Sherman Township, where they are looking to have Bingham road declared vacated where it ends on their property. Smalligan signed a letter of non-contest to release the Township from the lawsuit. The new recommendation for millage reimbursement is \$.72 per mile, and the township is still at \$.67 per mile. Motion was made by K Berens and 2nd by J Kukal to increase the milage reimbursement rate to \$.72 per mile starting with the May submissions. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; none. Motion passed.

Trustee D Berens reported that he purchased 3 signs for \$97 to advertise the Junk Drive. C Kukal suggested the purchase of 3 more to strategically place for more advertisement. Motion was made by S Stroven and 2nd by K Berens to purchase 3 more reusable signage for Junk Drive up to \$100. Roll call vote was taken. Yes; K Berens, D Berens, S Stroven, K Smalligan and J Kukal. No; none. Motion passed.

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 4 permits and 3 inspections for last month.

Deputy Zoning Administrator C Kukal confirmed 4 permits for the month.

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Cemetery Report – Vonda Tollefson asked about overtime or weekend rates for the services and if we were covered for that added cost on our fee chart. J Kukal said she thought we had it in there but would confirm with Vonda to make sure.

Hall Rental and Maintenance – Dale Berens report all good. K Smalligan asked him to schedule maintenance on the AC before the season started.

White Cloud Sherman Utilities - Karen Koprołces reported that they have approved the addition of another full time employee and the rates will be increased to \$150 to cover the increased cost of maintenance and repair of infrastructure.

For Fremont Fire District, K Berens reported billing \$450.48 and collecting \$0 last month.

For White Cloud Fire District, the Emergency Services Cost Recovery Ordinance is still being reworked to iron out the billing authority and will be presented again.

There was no unfinished business at this time.

For public comment, Jaxon Duer, a candidate running for State Representative, presented his platform. Jim Maike reported that Newaygo County was sitting in good shape with some ARPA funds still left to spend.

There was no Board member comment at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Submitted by: Clerk-Jamie Kukal

Visitors present:	Wayne Berens	Karen Koprołces	Gary Smalligan
	Jerry Engel	Dale Berens	Brett Derks
	Vonda Tollefson	Jaxon Duer	Jim Maike
	Chad Kukal	Terri Blake	

Jamie Kukal, Sherman Township Clerk
Balance Sheet
 As of April 30, 2026

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ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
MASTER ACCOUNT		
101-001 · General Fund cash		375,233.12
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		<u>28,381.28</u>
Total MASTER ACCOUNT		499,752.72
151-001 · Cemetery cash		8,225.05
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		20.52
263-001 · Gerber FCU ARPA Account		<u>6.52</u>
Total 260-001 · Gerber FCU		27.04
401-001 · Winter Tax Account		3,026.14
402-002 · Summer Tax Account		<u>9,209.89</u>
Total Checking/Savings		741,082.76
Total Current Assets		741,082.76
TOTAL ASSETS		741,082.76
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		741,082.76