



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**AUGUST 16, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

- **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Hutchings.
  - **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  - **Roll Call**  
The following Board Members were present: Treasurer Genung, Clerk Louis, Supervisor Hutchings and Trustees Sulka, Langshaw, Bekes and Harmon. No members absent. Attorney Thall, Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority Director John Crumb and approximately 8 interested Residents were also present.
  - **Approval of Agenda**  
Attorney Thall noted that Old Business items 1 and 2 needed to be switched in order. The SL SAD Roll Correction should be reviewed first and secondly the Interest Rate resolution. Treasurer Genung moved to approve the agenda with the above noted amendment to the order of business. Seconded by Trustee Bekes. Motion carried unanimously.
  - **Consent Agenda**  
Trustee Bekes moved to approve the Consent Agenda without the July 19, 2022 Minutes. Seconded by Trustee Langshaw. Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Bekes requested changes under the Rebecca Harvey, Planner Q& A on Master Plan Revisions section 4<sup>th</sup> sentence beginning with "He Stated that", second paragraph-second sentence and lastly changes to second paragraph adding 7<sup>th</sup> sentence in regard to a statement and conversation between Trustee Bekes and Trustee Sulka. Trustee Bekes moved that the changes would be struck and rephrased. Trustee Langshaw seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- A. Draft Board Minutes**

**B. Treasurer's Report**

**C. Clerk's Report**

**D. Ross Township Policing Stats**

**E. Ross-Augusta Fire Department Update**

**F. AGS MTD Invoice and Enforcement Service Updates**

- **Citizen Comment**

The floor was opened to Public Comment at 6:08pm by Supervisor Hutchings.

Stephanie Walbridge of Gull Lake spoke regarding the outcome of the Carr Court matter which involved the Tichnor and Walbridge properties. She expressed that she was disappointed in the representation provided by the Township's subrogated Attorney, Attorney Straub. She stated that a major portion of the case was the view shed and the effect on the neighboring view sheds yet Attorney Straub did not mention this portion of the case whatsoever. She said she had questions for the Township and they hope to address the case in a higher court. She said the Township better think long and hard about AGS and believes that from the beginning, permitting was an issue.

Mark Rodgers of Sherman Lake stated the rules for public comment needed to be revised.

6:14pm Public comment closed.

- **Ross Augusta Fire Chief/LifeCare Comments**-Police Department update WMU is building E-citation. Chief is working with Central Dispatch and plans to patrol Gull Lake for the Mardi Gras event.

- **Planning Commission Update**

Trustee Bekes provided the Board with Draft minutes from the previous PC Meeting. The next is a Special Meeting with the Medical Marijuana Caregiver Ordinance on the Agenda as well as Solar Power Zoning Ordinance if time allows. Trustee Sulka asked Atty Thall if he had provided the zoning recommendation yet for Solar. Atty Thall stated that he hadn't yet. Trustee Harmon pointed out page 4 of the draft minutes, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph. Chairman Lauderdale brought forth structure as it effects property lines such as a air conditioning unit being considered structure.

- **Supervisor Update**

Supervisor Hutchings deferred update to Attorney Thall. Attorney Thall presented final statistics on the Sherman Lake Sewer Special Assessment district. He stated that 81 residents out of 97 connecting. Trustee Harmon confirmed that 16 are not connecting. Attorney Thall continued that September 1<sup>st</sup> is the connection fee (\$3,350.00) due date. which cannot be rolled into the SAD.

Director Crumb confirmed the Connection Fee may be paid in full or installment payments are available through GLSWA with a 3% interest rate. He stated that September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 is the start date and September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 is the completion date for the project. He has mapped out the order of work to be completed this fall that won't impact the road. He stated that 2 of the homes that were included in the connection had total failures that led to immediate connections which in turn put the project ahead

of schedule. His goal was to complete 40 homes prior to the weather turning. Trustee Harmon confirmed that the 16 residents that have not joined the SAD have until March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to connect to public sewer. Attorney Thall confirmed connection deadline as being March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Director Crumb stated that he had solidified the purchase for the materials for all homes. Trustee Harmon posed the question “What is available for residents with a true financial hardship?” Attorney Thall answered that once an estimate was given to the resident, they can request help on an individual basis.

- **Clerk Update**

Clerk Louis requested that the Board approve continuation of Tim Snow in the role of Deputy Clerk on a month-to-month basis. Trustee Bekes moved to approve Tim Snow for the next month for 40 hours up to \$1,500.00 in wages. Trustee Sulka seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Sherman Lake Sewer Project SAD Roll Correction.**

Attorney Thall stated that the Bond Interest is 3.74% on the total roll. Less payments made from two properties that had a change in measurements \$1,000 was received from these two properties bringing the balances to \$15,300.00 each. 1 parcel had 2 connections and it should be one and another parcel was removed from the roll. These changes do not impact the other residents. The Bond closing is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and is a 20-year Bond. This will be billed on the winter tax bill annually. Trustee Bekes moved to adopt the Resolution to correct/confirm the Special Assessment Roll for the Ross Township Sherman Lake Sewer Improvement Project Special Assessment District. Trustee Langshaw seconded. A roll call vote was held. The following members voted Aye: Bekes, Genung, Harmon, Hutchings, Langshaw, Louis and Sulka. No Nay votes were cast. Resolution 81622-1 adopted unanimously.

- 2. Sherman Lake Sewer Project Interest Rate Resolution.**

Attorney Thall introduced the resolution to set the interest rate on the unpaid installments of Special assessments for Ross Township Sherman Lake Sewer improvement project special assessment district; approve, ratify and confirm issuance and sale of special assessment bonds and matters related thereto. He explained that per statute up to 1% Administration Fee can be added by the Township. The bond is not callable for 7 years, interest is paid even if early pay off. The funds should be set up in an interest-bearing account to not exceed 3.74%. Trustee Sulka moved to adopt Resolution 81622-2 with the .5% administration fee and annual review every February prior to budget. Trustee Bekes seconded. A roll call vote was held and the following members voted Aye: Sulka, Louis, Langshaw, Harmon Genung and Bekes. The following member voted Nay: Hutchings. Resolution 81622-2 adopted 5 Ayes to 1 Nay.

- **Trustee Updates**

Trustee Harmon requested the balance of Police expenses and project balances for the Fiscal Year. She also was interested in the Settlement on the lawsuit and the structure issue with the Planning Commission. Attorney Thall said that he was planning a conference with Attorney Straub on the upcoming Thursday and will bring the Board up to speed at the next meeting and may possibly need to call a special meeting to discuss the case.

Trustee Sulka stated that he found issue with Bert and asked if reviewing view shed is with the Planning Commission. Trustee Bekes stated that it is on the agenda as pending. Trustee Harmon added that she was interested in finding out what the new owners of the former Shady Bend Campground, was filing based on the information request that was sent to AGS. The new owners are North Slope properties at this time and there is a lot of work to be done on the property.

Trustee Langshaw asked when to expect the Special meeting?

PC's public hearing is scheduled for Thursday.

Supervisor Hutchings stated she would look to next week to form a quorum. Trustee Bekes announced that Planning Commission Chair Lauderdale announced his retirement and they are posting the opening. Attorney Thall stated that the Board shall affirm the new member. The Supervisor chooses the method of advertising the posting. It was suggested that the posting be added to the newsletter by Trustee Bekes. He said that the Master Plan is ready to publish but before it is, he wanted to point out the policing portion of the plan was out of date. Attorney Thall said that the Master Plan is a living document and the update can be made at a later time. Trustee Bekes stated that Rebecca Harvey Planning Consultant Harvey is waiting for the final ok to publish the Master Plan and remove the draft version. He continued, that he would like to chair the ARPA spending Townhall Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Sulka said that he would like to see what we have allocated to ARPA spending versus what has actually been spent as well as see an outline of what is allowed uses and requirements for the funds to help outline spending for the public.

- **Adjournment**

Trustee Sulka moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Seconded by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carin Louis  
Township Clerk