

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT**  
**413-274-2374**

**Prudential Committee Minutes for January 6, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am.

In attendance were Committee members Terry Hayden, Marc Schultz, Joe Hanrahan, Bruce Lipton, Susan Hovani, & Joan Boccino

Also present were Bob Moore – Road Superintendent; Kathleen Borden – Treasurer; Jane Hanrahan, District Clerk

Residents present: Sandy Moore, Ken Einhorn

The meeting was not recorded.

Review of the December 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Correction to the minutes: October to November (Please identify where this change occurred, e.g., under the Treasurer section) and Late to Lakes

Motion made to approve the December Meeting Minutes by Marc and seconded by Susan.

The motion was approved by roll call.

Treasurer Report

Kathy is staggering the payment of the bills to preserve the cash flow in the bank. This month's warrant is for \$8,905.00, with \$6,716.84 in the bank. Paying all the bills at once would leave us with a negative balance.

A discussion regarding paying all of our bills within 30 days is important to preserve the relationship with our vendors.

Kathy explained that the Town Hall was behind and that she was told by the tax collector that there is \$5,000 sitting in UNI pay that will be deposited into our account soon. There is also a bag of mail that will include tax payments owed to us.

Kathy explained that the warrant permits Kathy to pay the bills as the cash comes in. Kathy, as treasurer, uses her discretion based on the cash available.

The January Warrant will be signed via DocuSign.

Bruce made a motion, which Susan seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

### Roads Report

Bob received a call regarding a tree down on 151 Long Bow Lane West. A beaver caused a tree to fall on Shuttlecock. A question regarding trapping the beavers was asked, as well as what the law in Massachusetts is. Bruce will talk to Beaver Solutions to get clarification.

The house (#151) that is being renovated on Long Bow Lane West had trees and dirt clogging the ditches. Bob asked the company to remove it, and they promised to have it cleared by Friday due to the storm coming over the weekend. It was not completed as promised, so Bob contacted the owner, who had the area cleaned.

John Andrews is hiring someone to connect a culvert to divert the water from his property. The Conservation Commission is doing a site visit to assess it. John will need to submit plans to the Conservation Commission and to SGRD.

Terry received a call from a potential buyer interested in the 10-acre property on Silver Leaf. The buyer was asking about rules regarding horses. Terry has learned that horses are allowed on the property, but there must be four acres of land per horse. Terry advised the buyer to contact the BOH and building inspector regarding the requirements.

Bob reported that we have had road issues, including flooding and potholes. The road conditions have been impacted by heavy rain, which has caused water to accumulate on Longbow Lane East and Longbow Lane West. Despite this, the roads are now firming back up as the weather gets colder. Avoiding the ruts by the front entrance will help prevent them from becoming worse until we can fill them in.

Bruce made a motion, which Joan seconded, to approve the Roads Report.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

### Lakes Report

Bruce reported that the next season starts in February, and the board must decide about the Water and Wetlands and Aquatic Restoration contracts. Proposals will be coming in soon.

The RDA for the benthic mats ran out last fall. Nick from the Conservation Commission believes that there may be a workaround, and Bruce will follow up with him.

One day of cutting of the phragmites was completed. A second day could not be done due to the weather.

A concern was raised about the safety of the lakes for ice skating, as people are doing a lot of Airbnb. If an accident were to occur, would SGRD be liable if we didn't have signs posted about the safety of the lakes?

A suggestion was made to put a general “use of the lakes is at your own risk” sign on the lakes. Terry is going to speak to the attorney for recommendations on these types of signs and SGRD liability.

Bruce is working on a full write-up of the lakes which is being sent to Sharon and Jane.

Susan made a motion, which Joan seconded, to approve the Lakes Report.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

### Additional Business

Terry reported that we are still in the process of being accepted by the underwriter. Kathy is working on a Balance Sheet the insurance company has requested.

A question regarding a board member being covered individually was asked, and Terry is going to ask the attorney.

Our next meeting is on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and then not again until April 6<sup>th</sup>. A discussion was had about adding a March meeting. In order to add this we will need to alert the residents at our annual meeting in June.

Terry made a motion, which Marc seconded, to end the meeting.

The motion was approved unanimously by roll call.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Hanrahan

District Clerk

Documents discussed at this meeting:

FY24 Budget

FY 24-7 Warrant