

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023

Members Present: Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.

Guests: 7 citizens.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM with prayer by Eggle and the pledge.

Guest Presentation: None.

Public Comment: Public comment opened at 7:04 PM, there were two comments, and public comment closed at 7:06 PM. Picture found in the Hall was framed and hung by Don Akers. Thank you!!

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the regular meeting on February 14, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected (section Budget FY 23/24 coming just under CPR Class stricken as well as last paragraph in Compensation section) Eggle, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for February was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$171,464.35, Receipts \$18,467.15, Disbursements \$8,559.65, Ending balance \$181,371.85. CDs: Beginning balance \$67,152.18, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$67,152.18. Savings account balance \$65,729.29, Receipts \$37.82, Disbursements \$0, Total \$65,767.11. General Fund Total ending balance \$314,291.14.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$9,365.58, Receipts \$2.38, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$9,367.96. Encumbered \$60,000.

CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$108,914.11, Receipts \$0, Ending balance \$108,914.11.

Reviewed info from Property Taxes received and settlement.

Motion to accept the February report, Nemish 2nd Johns. Passed.

Bills: Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$2,787.69, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed. Black questioned paying people who hook-up and do technology things?

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.

County Comm.: County Commissioner Gregory updated us on security issues, proposed transition house in the old Annex building.

- Fire Board Report:** Johns provided the report from the last meeting.
- Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There were 2 permits for a pole barn and a garage. PC discussed the issue of “Tiny Houses” or cabins smaller than the minimum square foot allowed by our zoning. Blight ordinance is in the downhill stretch. Questions still to resolve - civil infraction? Cross referencing our Zoning Ordinance. Will need to deal with Jerry Argue (see attached email) property clean-up request. Request for Sarah P. to provide number of additional hours she has worked on the Blight ordinance so that we can pay her.
- Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Deferred to new business.
- Road Committee:** Frost laws for weight and speed are in effect now.
- Cemetery:** Nothing to report.
- Correspondence:** There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) Osceola-Lake Conservation District HAZMAT update ** NOTE DATE CHANGE, Moved by Nemish to pay Conservation Dist. for continuing HAZMAT partnership \$300, 2nd Johns. Passed. 2) Mannor Group introductory letter from our new retirement fund management group, 3) Osceola Co. Road Commission annual Twp visit day announcement, 4) MI Dept of Nat. Resources Pine River application from Wexford Co. to replace a culvert, and 5) email from Jason P. Ref GIS software through the County.
- Old Business:**
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Capital Equip.** Discussion. Outline of need, discussion of process, and question of needs going forward. Something to dig with. Locating properly. Footings, and Trash hauling are all cemetery work needs. Calkins and Johns provided input from the work session. Graves are 42" by 8 feet. Also discussed taking back mowing - more pros than cons to doing this. Eggle checked with area twps on how/who mows their cemeteries. Request for other bids. Questions - where we might store the equipment. Of note, per Holdship Funeral home director by way of Johns, there is no law requiring us to open cemetery for military funerals.
- ARPA Funds:** Nothing to report.
- New Business:**
- GIS:** Reviewed usefulness and need of GIS software, terms and cost. Bolduc moved that we purchase this from Osceola Co. To be housed on the Assessors computer, cost is \$15 per each land division and or combination change, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Milfoil Treatment:** After John Iler presented the agreements signed by Center Lake Bible Camp, Camp Gan Israel, and the CL Preservation Association for 1/3, 1/3, and 1/2 of 1/3

respectively, restated that the Twp portion will also be ½ of 1/3 and the Twp will act as fiduciary, explained that we will bill the camps for their portion in August or September, and suggested that we go with the proposed 5 year plan with PLM as it will lock in our rates and save us a bit, Bolduc MOVED to follow this plan, 2nd Black. Passed.

- Park Attendant:** Discussion and review of job description and pay schedule. Eggle and Iler will conduct interviews and bring a recommendation to the board next month.
- Property question:** See attached email thread between Eggle and Badovinac Co Prosecutor referencing Jerry Argue “junk pile”.
- CPR Class:** Eggle updated us on the CPR class reschedule date is Wednesday, April 5, 5 PM here at the Hall.
- BOR Resolutions:** Resolution 20230314-A was offered by Eggle, supported by Johns to adopt guidelines for poverty exemption consideration at BOR following the MI Dept of Treasury Bulletin 19 of 2022 replacing Resolution 20230214-A as formerly voted. The resolution was adopted 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absent
- Misc. Issues:** Nothing.
- Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates. Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7 PM.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 8:51 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 8:52 PM. Note an AED device is recommended for the Hall.
- Adjourn:** Black moved to adjourn at 8:52 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.