

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 9, 2023

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 9 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with prayer by Bolduc and the pledge.
- Guest Presentation:** None.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:02 PM, there was one comment, and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 11, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as provided Eggle, 2nd Johns. Passed.
The minutes from the Special Meeting on April 25, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as provided Johns, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$203,379.68, Receipts \$2,969.83, Disbursements \$13,011.25, Ending balance \$193,338.26. CDs: Beginning balance \$67,152.18, Receipts \$47.63, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$67,199.81. Savings account balance \$65,809.00, Receipts \$40.57, Disbursements \$0, Total \$65,849.57. General Fund Total ending balance \$326,387.64.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$83,841.14, Receipts \$5,537.87, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$89,379.01. Encumbered \$60,000.
- CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$108,914.11, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$26,880.99, Ending balance \$82,033.12.
- Motion to accept the April report, Bolduc 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$9,560.65, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory was in attendance and reviewed several items. County Commissioners passed a resolution opposed to the gun restrictions which the State is trying to put in place, a resolution opposed to the expansion of Camp Grayling. Sheriff department received a donation for and purchased MDT's, and the compliance officer position is empty. They are working to fill it.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns provided the report from the last meeting, see attached.

Planning Comm.: Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There was 1 permit for a pole barn. The blight and civil infraction ordinances are completed and were emailed to the board last week. PC will have a public hearing which they would like to hold at their June 6th meeting. Bolduc and Pagles will coordinate to do the notices etc. PC would like to seriously look into outsourcing the Ordinance Enforcement Officer position as Grugal no longer wishes to do this job especially with new ordinances to enforce.

Property question: Eggle mentioned that he was able to speak on the phone with a family member of the owner of the 140th Ave. property for which several complaints have been received due to the “junk” which was left behind when several campers were moved last year. The family member reported that they are trying to get it cleaned up. We are trying to push this along, but we are keeping it at the lowest level we can.

Parks Committee: **Grove Hill** – Iler and Nemish are finishing up a tree clean-up from one near the parking area which cracked over winter.
Center Lake – Iler reported that the big maple tree and another tree between the fence and the lake outlet canal didn’t fair well over the winter with dangerous limbs hanging over the picnic area and other limbs obviously dead. In an effort to have the park summer ready yet this month Keith and Fred Calkins were hired to remove the trees (see bills list). The tree removal was completed both safely and successfully! Matt Gillman was hired to remove the brush and bring the grounds back into shape. Iler is getting bids to fix the fence which had previously been broken by falling tree limbs. One bid was reviewed from Joe Shank from LeRoy. Suggested to also ask Hamberg from Cadillac. Materials will run about \$531. Bolduc moved to authorize H. John Iler to get a second bid and to go with the lower bid to fix the fence at Center Lake Park preferably this month but as soon as possible, 2nd Nemish. Passed. Loons are on the nest! Ben Robertson came and took apart the pump finding that it was broken in multiple places and un-fixable. He installed new hand pump assembly, see bills list.

Road Committee: Eggle reported that at the meeting last week the RC finalized their recommendation for gravel spread this season which we will look at later in the meeting.

Cemetery: Bolduc reported that we had a memorial stone which was dropped off before the company contacted us about pouring the base! Sexton Calkins reviewed a 2 page report, see attached.

Reviewed at length was the potential sale of the old riding lawn mowers. Eggle will ask about prices for that model and age of mower at the John Deere dealer in Lake City. Eggle moved for Bolduc to put mowers for sale online \$500 OBO for the LX188 1997, \$1,000 OBO for the LC 289 2004, unless we find out that the dealer price is significantly different, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Correspondence: There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) L4029 and associated paperwork from the county (see file for L4029 forms), 2) Notice from the City of Cadillac of water treatment plant sludge to be spread on a Sherman Twp property along the North edge of the Twp, and 3) Notice from Verizon of changes to our account “credit” (amount of device costs we could buy on credit and pay with our

monthly payment).

Old Business:

Records Retention: Nothing to report.

Cem. Ordinance: Bolduc will email to members the draft which was written and presented in 2020 but never voted on.

Capital Equip. Kubota and dump trailer were purchased as voted last month. Eggle still working on TV quotes. Nemish checking with Affordable Carpet to get their bid before we move forward with recarpeting the hall.

CPR Class: Eggle working to have another training with a tentative date of Wednesday, June 7, 5 PM.

ARPA Funds: Report for last FY was completed on time in April.

Blight Ord.: Reported in PC report time. Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.

Twp Clean-up: Discussion and review of possibly holding a Twp clean-up day this year in August. Consensus was that since we just held such 2 years in a row, we will skip this year.

Lawn Mowing: Eggle reviewed Lawn Mowing contract at provided by 3 Seasons Mowing, Robert Paige and an addendum which Eggle reviewed with Paige previously today. All in agreed that it was in order.

Flag Donation: Eggle going over options with Brinks framing shop in Cadillac. Will bring more info as he has it.

Tax Account: Black reviewed the difficulties she has been having with the tax account which we previously discussed. Her research points to moving it to Horizon Bank. Other board members have used that bank for various things and find them easy to work with. Black moved to open a new tax account at Horizon Bank the Cadillac branch with \$1,000 of funds from the General Fund and to keep open the old tax account until we know for sure all has cleared, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

We also continued discussing our savings and CD accounts. We have a CD at Lake Osceola State Bank which is maturing this coming Friday (5/12/2023). Bolduc moved to open a new CD at 4Front Bank on Friday, May 12, 2023, with the maturing LOSB CD funds (\$31,776.49) and the funds in the Huntington Bank Savings account (\$65,849.57), 2nd Black. Passed. Nemish moved to take \$2,373.94 from our General Fund to add to the funds going into the new 4Front CD to bring it up to \$100,000, 2nd Black. Passed.

Road Gravel: Eggle presented the gravel placement proposal, see attached map. Discussion. Johns moved to approve the 3 indicated segments 170th Ave at the North edge of the Twp, curves on 175th and 180th in section 7, and 21 Mile midway between 160th and 170th, 2nd Black. Passed.

- Maple Hill Cem.:** Discussion resumed on the Maple Hill Cemetery tree and shrub removal/thinning finance partnership request from Rose Lake Township. Of the 4 owning townships Sherman is the last to vote on this issue. Everyone else has agreed. We would like to strongly request that at a minimum an annual meeting of the 4 townships happened to discuss cemetery issues so that we are not taken by surprise in the future. Eggle moved to go ahead and pay the requested \$3,750 for tree/shrub work in Maple Hill Cemetery, 2nd Bolduc. Passed with reluctance.
- Fee Structure:** Bolduc brought the Fee Structure back because there was an error in the Park Attendant pay, we wished to add a fee for setting monuments, and we needed to adjust the personal equipment rental rates, Bolduc also tightened wording in 2 places to aid spacing restrictions on the page. Nemish moved to accept the new Fee Structure Resolution 20230509 as presented, 2nd Johns. Roll Called, No 0, Yes 5. Passed.
- New Business:**
- Cemetery Board:** Eggle brought up for discussion the idea of a Cemetery Board or Advisory Committee to review issues and bring recommendations to the Board for their consideration and decision. This is just an initial discussion to see if this is something that we think we need or not.
- Twp Picnic:** Keith Calkins brought to the Treasurer some funds which have been donated toward expenses of holding a Township Picnic. It was an annual event that was stopped due to Covid. No date was set, but we will discuss next meeting.
- OCTA:** Johns announced the OCTA (Osceola County Township Association) meeting coming up on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 7 pm. Bolduc brought up for discussion compensating persons from our board who wish to attend the OCTA meetings. Following discussion, Bolduc moved to pay (and add to the Fee Schedule) twp board members who want to attend OCTA meetings the ½ day per diem (currently \$40.52) and mileage if they fill out and give the clerk a reimbursement form, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Misc. Issues:** Nothing.
- Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates.
- Announcements:** Bolduc's oldest son is graduating from high school and her youngest from 8th grade and there will be an open house at the twp hall on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023, from 1 to 3 pm. All are invited.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 9:30 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 9:31 PM.
- Adjourn:** Black moved to adjourn at 9:31 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.