

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JULY 11, 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 Eggle and the pledge.

**Guest Presentation:** None.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:02 PM, there were no comments, and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.

**Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting on June 13, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as provided Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$188,762.66, Receipts \$24,212.80, Disbursements \$22,675.42, Ending balance \$190,300.04. CDs: Beginning balance \$135,437.20, Receipts \$437.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$135,874.66. General Fund Total ending balance \$326,174.70.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,400.63, Receipts \$22.77, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$89,423.40. Encumbered \$60,000.

CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$82,033.12, Receipts \$73.03, Disbursements \$1,894.94, Ending balance \$80,211.21.

Motion to accept the June report, Nemish 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

Black reviewed upcoming CD maturity date and our options. Nemish moved to authorize the Treasurer to pull one CD early with penalty, and combine it with the maturing CD into one new CD all transactions at Lake Osceola State Bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.

**Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,873.57, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory updated us on county issues including EMS.

**Fire Board Report:** Johns provided the report from the last meeting, see attached.

**Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported that the PC meeting was canceled due to July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday.

- Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.  
**Center Lake** – Iler reported: Milfoil treatment was done 3.5 weeks ago a contact and systemic herbicide. There is currently no healthy looking milfoil. We should plan to bill out costs to the camps in August. Memorial bench was installed thanks to Jim Peterson and Keith Calkins. Peterson and Iler suggested the following park projects, Beach reenforcement and sand. Several of the railroad ties installed a few years ago have destabilized and this issue needs to be address soon. Also, more benches and a recycling bin. Eggle moved to go forward with these items as presented potentially roughly \$3,000 plus payroll for worker’s time, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.  
Our Park Attendant came and presented a proposal for increased visit and pay for her position. After working the job for several weeks she has a clearer understanding of what it takes to do it well. Her report was appreciated. Bolduc moved to accept the request for increased pay for increased visits, as presented and to make the pay rate changes retroactive to cover this year May, June, and July (an additional \$650) Dec., Jan., Feb., remain at \$25 per month with 1 visit, Mar., April, Oct., and Nov. remain at 4 visits and \$100 per month, May and September increase to 8 visits and pay of \$200, June, July, and Aug., to be 20 visits per month pay rate of \$500 each month, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed. Changes will be made to the Fee Schedule.
- Road Committee:** Eggle reported reviewed issues and reported that brining has been done.
- Cemetery:** Calkins reported that a couple of foundations and a cremains burial have been done at the old rate since they were either paid or verbally contracted prior to our changing the rates. Since we charged the old rate, he was paid at the old rate. Also reviewed was an inadvertant error of the clerk when updating prices and wages. The percent of pay vs. supplies was different then previously. Eggle moved to remedy this discrepancy going forward and for any work done and already paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Fee Schedule:** Based on the changes voted, an updated Fee Schedule resolution #20230711 was presented by Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Adopted.
- Correspondence:** There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) MTA class information and decision by Eggle to go and send one other person TBD, and 2) BCB’s letter stating that their firm joined with another larger firm but will continue to have their office and partners in Cadillac and serve the Cadillac area.
- Old Business:**
- Records Retention:** Ongoing.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Calkins reported info from the MTA training he attended. Of note is that we will need to publish a synopsis of the ordinance within 30 days of passing it. Discussion. Nemish would like the ordinance re-emailed to him. Eggle will call the prosecutor’s office and then send them a copy for review.
- Cemetery Board:** Calkins reported that this doesn’t seem to be happening in MI. Discussion. Consensus to not form this body at this time.

- Capital Equip.** All projects moving forward. Checks to some vendors. Just waiting for installation dates from others.
- ARPA Funds:** Nothing to report at this time. See Treasurer's report for fund balance.
- Blight Ord.:** Reviewed ordinance and next steps. Will need to hire an enforcement officer at some point. Other twps in Osceola Co. have blight ordinances, Hersey, Sylvan, Middle Branch. Send for review to County Prosecutor. Eggle will report back their comments.
- Flag Donation:** Moving forward. Hope to have completed by next meeting.
- New Business:**
- Twp Picnic:** Discussion of a lack of picnic committee and time to plan and get supplies. Black moved to wait until next year, to form a picnic committee and start planning now, so we will be prepared, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- BOR:** Board of Review July session is next week, on Tuesday, July 18 at 9 AM.
- Retirement Fund:** Bolduc tried to explain the time line with reporting and payment for this year that there was an additional question of a 218 form which would have been filed with either the State or Federal government. She finally got confirmation back that we do not have the 218 agreement form filed. That led to a long phone call with Kevin at Municipal Retirement and more questions. Based on that info. Bolduc's recommendation is to dissolve the retirement fund completely. Additional questions still need to be addressed.
- Misc. Issues:** Nothing.
- Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates. OCTA meeting will be Monday, August 28, 2023, 7 PM at the Rose Lake hall. The Road Committee might move or cancel the September meeting due to Labor Day, check back in August for their decision.
- Announcements:** Election Commission meeting directly to follow the Board meeting tonight.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 9:22 PM. There were two comments and public comment closed at 9:27 PM.
- Adjourn:** Johns moved to adjourn at 9:27 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.