

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 10 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM with prayer and the pledge.
- Guest Presentation:** Rep Tom Kunse came during the Fire Board report. We diverted to him for some Q&A before going into the Planning Comm. report.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:05 PM, there was one comment, and public comment closed at 7:05 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting on September 12, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for September was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$183,846.98, Receipts \$721.81, Disbursements \$11,943.39, Ending balance \$172,626.40. CDs: Beginning balance \$136,063.88, Receipts \$1,309.59, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$137,373.47. General Fund Total ending balance \$309,999.87.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,484.05, Receipts \$22.79, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$89,506.84. Encumbered \$60,000.
CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$80,211.21, Receipts \$30.39, Disbursements \$2.00, Ending balance \$80,239.60. Donated picnic funds total \$150.
Motion to accept the September report, Johns 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$5,474.18, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory did not attend and we had no update.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns provided the report from the last meeting, see attached.
- Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported that the Blight ordinance is in a holding pattern and there were 2 permits.
- Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Iler reviewed information from PLM and we discussed Milfoil and water testing. There will be a workbee this coming Thursday at 10:30 AM on the roundabout.

Road Committee: Eggle reported on the RC meeting. Discussed the county policy on seasonal roads.

Cemetery: Calkins reported that we had 2 cremation burials and one stone setting.

Correspondence: There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) Letter regarding Milfoil treatment for next season from PLM, and 2) from the State DNR on Pine River Watershed issues.

Old Business:

Records Retention: Ongoing, no updates this month.

Cem. Ordinance: Eggle updated us on a conversation he had with the Prosecutor's office. The judge has told the prosecutor to not come into court to represent a township. We would have to retain our own counsel. Eggle will email our attorney.

Blight Ord.: See Cemetery Ordinance above paragraph.

Capital Equip. Eggle will work on getting new Disabled Parking signs and put them up to indicate that the parking is on our concrete pad area. See chart for completed and ongoing projects. We reviewed the quote for material and labor from Jason Patterson to repair/replace the garage doors, the main entrance and kitchen/side entrance doors. Eggle moved to accept the quote for \$4,202.97 paid from ARPA funding, 2nd Bolduc. Passed. We shall move forward with the roundabout and the check for Morgan compost. Reviewed that the stove was deemed a fire hazard after Bolduc needing to move it for the paint work discovered the extent of what the mice had done in and to it. Since the stove and fridge are in their 40's, after discussion Johns moved for Bolduc and Black to purchase a new stove and refrigerator from Van Drie not to exceed \$1,500 from ARPA funds, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

ARPA Funds: Carpet is pending. Bolduc and her husband will do the in floor microphone jacks for the hourly rate of maintenance.

Flag Donation: Flag is done and on site ready to be hung. Reviewed locations. Bolduc moved to place it near the corner where the Heroes mural is located and above the Shattley donated collage of photos, 2nd Black. Passed. Eggle and friends will make it happen.

Business Cards: Still working on this.

Election: Bolduc will be attending more training put on by the State Bureau of Elections next week in the Harrison area.

Hall Maint. Issues: See attached chart (also ARPA funds chart).

Center Lake: Covered in Park section.

New Business:

Snow Removal: Reviewed bids from Kater and III Seasons. Nemish moved to go with the III Seasons bid for snow removal and salting, 2nd Black. Passed

CPR Class: See attached email. CPR class to be held next week.

Misc. Issues: None.

Review of Dates: Eggle reviewed the chart of dates.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Extended comment opened at 9:02 PM. There were three comments and public comment closed at 9:06 PM.

Adjourn: Nemish moved to adjourn at 9:06 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.