

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, and Pete Nemish.
- Member absent:** Dave Johns.
- Guests:** 8 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with prayer by Nemish and the pledge.
- Guest Presentation:** Don Akers regarding the table cart. Reviewed what we need/want and what he thinks he can build that will work. After discussion and quick review of items available online for purchase, Black moved to approve the cart plan that Don has proposed to build and to pay him time and materials, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:03 PM, there were two comments, and public comment closed at 7:10 PM. One comment was a review of the donated flag by Dorothy Marsh. One comment came via email, see attached.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 14, 2023, were reviewed. Addition of a word. In the PC section add the word "shed" with a slash (/) before tiny homes. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for November was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$179,218.39, Receipts \$92.34, Disbursements \$10,232.94, Ending balance \$169,077.79. CDs: Beginning balance \$137,373.47, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$137,373.47. General Fund Total ending balance \$306,451.26.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,528.90, Receipts \$22.80, Disbursements \$63,300, Ending balance \$26,251.70. Encumbered \$0.
CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$78,971.70, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$15,387.00, Ending balance \$63,584.70. Donated picnic funds total \$150.
Motion to accept the November report, Eggle, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. There was more discussion than usual due to extra work being done in the cemetery by our lawn care team. Motion by Black to pay monthly bills with the exception of \$1,000 on the 3 Seasons bill, we will hold on that for clarification, totaling \$3,850.25, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Nemish, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory was not able attended, so we had no update.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns could not attend due to a medical issue, but the Fire Board minutes were review by Bolduc, see attached.

- Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Blight ordinance discussion bringing up discussions of Ordinance Enforcement officer. Grugal not interested in enforcing the Blight Ordinance. PC planning to re-analyze the tiny home section of the zoning ordinance. Note that Ron Moesta is planning on being in FL again for 3 months. Amy Martin will be Acting Chair. We will not pay Moesta for 3 months and pay Martin the Chair rate.
- Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Iler reports that PLM will apply for EGLE permits, but he suggested that the amount is wrong. Small lakes should be \$225. Bolduc moved to pay, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Road Committee:** Eggle reported on the RC meeting. He was ill and did not attend, but he reported that Jim Peterson handled the meeting. Mattzela attended and gave info on roads on which to focus our gravel work in 2024.
- Cemetery:** Nothing to report. Cemetery is closed for the winter.
- Correspondence:** There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) 2 letters from EGLE regarding permits within areas that might impact land within our boundaries.
- Unfinished Business:**
- Records Retention:** Ongoing, Bolduc is planning a push during the Early Voting when she is in the building several days in a row.
- Cem. & Blight Ord:** Eggle reported no follow-up from Cindy Wotila email. Nemish did get info from Tony Badovinac, see attached, regarding a path to writing and enforcing Blight Tickets.
- Capital Equip.** AED is installed. Jenny is working on a quick reference guide to post on the wall. Garage doors are repaired. New hall doors will be installed on Thursday. Generator to be installed next week.
- ARPA Funds:** Nothing to report.
- Business Cards:** Bolduc has ordered them.
- Election:** Bolduc reviewed a few point for the upcoming Early Voting.
- New Business:**
- Spring Maint:** Reviewed some needs for Spring Cemetery and lawn maintenance. Recommend to contact MTA regarding procedure to sell old mowers.
- Gravel:** Eggle outlined suggested gravel spread for 2024 and a proposed contract for \$60,000. Looking at millage renewal in 2024, and doing chip seal in 2025. Eggle moved to approve the \$60,000 contract for gravel adding after discussion an opt out clause to reduce amount if price considerations warrant it, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- BOR Training:** Reviewed the upcoming MTA BOR training schedule. Eggle moved to send 3

principal members, 2 alternates, and himself as secretary of BOR to the training at the Cadillac location, Calkins will do the online version, and we will get 1 book. Bolduc will do the registration, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Note that disabled veteran's property tax exemption was previously renewed annually through the BOR (usually in March), recently the State made changes to the laws covering this exemption removing the BOR step and giving it to the Assessor as an administrative issue to be handled at any time during the year. Following this change will be another change in 2025 where the veteran's exemption will not need to be renewed annually, but will remain in place ongoing until the veteran moves or the widow(er) remarries.

- BOR Dates:** March 2024 BOR dates are Tuesday, March 5 at 11 AM organizational meeting, Monday, March 11 from 9 AM to 3 PM and Wednesday, March 13 from 3 to 9 PM petition hearings.
- Misc. Issues:** The next Road Committee meeting has been moved to Tuesday, January 2 due to the New Year's holiday.
- Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates.
- Announcements:** The CPI went up 5%, and COA went up 3.2%.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 8:55 PM. There were three comments and public comment closed at 8:59 PM.
- Adjourn:** Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:00 PM, 2nd Eggle. Passed.