

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 10, 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 7:00 PM with prayer and the pledge.
- Guest Presentation:** Sheriff Cool made a few remarks and talked about sheriff department including job opportunities.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:12 PM, there was one comment, and public comment closed at 7:13 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 13, 2022, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Nemish, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$178,578.91, Receipts \$18,838.06, Disbursements \$17,173.39, Ending balance \$180,243.58. CDs: Beginning balance \$67,152.18, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$67,152.18. General Fund Total ending balance \$247,395.76. Savings account balance \$65,640.64, Receipts \$56.81, Disbursements \$5.00, Total \$65,692.45. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,297.79, Receipts \$22.01, Disbursements \$79,975.00 Ending balance \$9,344.80. Encumbered \$60,000. CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$108,893.72, Receipts \$20.89, Ending balance \$108,914.11.
- Motion to accept the December report, Johns 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$2,856.48, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory updated us on the building inspector job, calendar approval, EMS approved purchased of a mask fit tester which can also be used at fire departments, a deposit resolution, and DK Security continuing relationship.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the December Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Martin is interim chair while Moesta is in FL. There were no permits. Blight discussion is ongoing, but they are needing input

from the Twp Attorney. Permission requested to contact the attorney, which the board by consensus gave. Nemish moved to give Martin Chair pay for January, February, and March, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

- Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Iler reported that Milfoil will need to be treated summer of 2023. Iler will work with Bolduc on letters of financial agreement with CLBC and Camp Gan Israel. We will also need to hire a new Trash and Park Attendant.
- Road Committee:** No meeting this month.
- Cemetery:** Cemetery is closed for the winter and there is nothing to report.
- Correspondence:** There were several items of correspondence mentioned: 1) letter ref Pine River Natural River Zoning Review, and 2) ARPA funds can be used for roads as per a memo from Mike Mattzela.
- Old Business:**
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Capital Equip.** Eggle reviewed pictures and chart of prices. Work group to make cemetery equipment recommendations is Keith Calkins (Sexton), Dave Johns (Trustee), and John Langworthy (former Sexton). Eggle will give them the info he has gathered. Also discussed township sign and reviewed prices and pictures of possible signs and locations. Cost was much more than several board members thought it would be and there was much discussion. Nemish willing to ask other twps what they do and how they handle things.
- ARPA Funds:** Nothing to report.
- Current Budget:** Changes to the current budget presented by Bolduc, shifting \$874. Eggle moved to make these changes as presented, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- New Business:**
- Mileage Rate:** Reviewed IRS mileage rate for 2023. Bolduc moved to follow the IRS rate and raise our reimbursement rate effective with our next billing and payment cycle to 65.5 cents per mile, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Budget FY 23/24:** Bolduc provided copies of last years budget to date and a first draft of a budget for FY 23/24 which we reviewed.
- Compensation:** Eggle provided a chart of compensation for area twps and information on Social Security’s 8.7 percent cost of living increase effective in January 2023. We reviewed a chart of current pay, adding 5, 8 and 10 percent. Discussion. Decision to be made next meeting.
- BOR Resolutions:** Next meeting we will review resolutions to cover BOR petitions process and dates, and poverty exemptions.

- BOR 2nd Alt.:** Eggle nominated Keith Calkins to be a 2nd alternate for our BOR and to attend training by MTA with the group in February, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Annual Meeting:** We discussed our calendar and determined a good date for our Annual Meeting. Nemish moved to hold our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7 PM, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Misc. Issues:** Nothing.
- Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates. BOR dates are organizational Tuesday, March 7, Petition session on Monday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 15.
- Announcements:** Johns is working with Peggy Hoard from Middle Branch Twp on a revitalized Osceola County Township Association (OCTA) organization. They will hold their first meeting on Monday, January 23, 7 PM, at the Sherman Twp Hall.
- Recommend to provide cookies and coffee. Discussion of CPR class at the Twp Hall. Eggle will look into booking and how many hours it might take.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 9:11 PM. There were three comments and public comment closed at 9:19 PM.
- Adjourn:** Nemish moved to adjourn at 9:20 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.