

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2023

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, and Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** Dave Johns
- Guests:** 5 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM with prayer by Bolduc and the pledge.
- Guest Presentation:** None.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:04 PM, there was one comment presented as a letter to the board and no verbal comments, and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on January 10, 2023, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for January was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$180,243.58, Receipts \$183.42, Disbursements \$8,962.65, Ending balance \$171,464.35. CDs: Beginning balance \$67,152.18, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$67,152.18. General Fund Total ending balance \$238,616.53. Savings account balance \$65,687.45, Receipts \$41.84, Disbursements \$0, Total \$65,729.29.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$9,344.80, Receipts \$20.78, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$9,365.58. Encumbered \$60,000.
CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$108,914.11, Receipts \$0, Ending balance \$108,914.11.
- Motion to accept the January report, Nemish 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$2,878.90, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory did not attend. Sarah P. and Eggle provided some updates.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns was not present to report.
- Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Blight ordinance questions are getting answered by the attorney. The PC is getting close to being ready to present the ordinance. Nemish pushed to get the new printer/copier installed in the Twp Hall office.

Parks Committee: **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Iler reported that Milfoil contracts have been secured from our lake partners. He also recommends that we expect to spend something on a few repairs and make provision for that in our budget. See New Business.

Road Committee: Had a quick meeting and reviewed the \$60,000 gravel contract.

Cemetery: Reviewed Municipal Cemetery organization membership. Decided by consensus to renew for another year. Kater has provided a mow contract with pricing for summer 2023. Request to send letter for bid to businesses we can identify as possible fits for mowing grass, so we can compare rates and make an informed decision.

Correspondence: There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) State of MI Dept of State Police forfeited property report was requested by us to which Bolduc replied, none, and 2) EGLE Recycling Grants info.

Old Business:

Records Retention: Nothing to report.

Cem. Ordinance: Nothing to report.

Capital Equip. Discussion. Lighted sign seems to be a no-go. Continuing to discuss tractor options and will carry on with Sexton, former Sexton, Trustee committee review and report. Black and Bolduc reviewed their perusal of new carpet options and prices. Mention also made of the need for lighter weight tables and storage for such.

ARPA Funds: Nothing to report.

Current Budget: Changes to the current budget presented by Bolduc, shifting \$331. Eggle moved to make these changes as presented, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Election Audit: Bolduc reported on the November 2022 General Election precinct audit. Our jurisdiction was randomly picked by the State for the local County Clerk to run a standard post election audit on. We passed with flying colors. There was one discrepancy noted, but it was caused by a software and programming of the tabulator error and not by the Clerk or our employees.

New Business:

Pay Rates/Raise: Reviewed Cost of Living (COL) information and pay charts for other twps in our area. Noted that Nemish felt it was right to only give COL. Resolution 20230214-F, see attached, was offered by Eggle and supported by Bolduc. It is a resolution to present to the Electors at Annual meeting a pay raise of 10% for all elected officials and to also raise the pay of all other twp employees effective with the start of our new FY April 1, 2023. The resolution was declared adopted with 3 yes, 1 no, and 1 not in attendance.

Milfoil Treatment: John Iler presented the agreements signed by Center Lake Bible Camp, Camp Gan Israel, and the CL Preservation Association for 1/3, 1/3, and ½ of 1/3 respectively. The Twp portion will also be ½ of 1/3 and the Twp will act as fiduciary. Iler was

asked to contact PML and RLS companies we have worked with in the past to provide services for this year. Iler will continue to help us manage this project.

Park Attendant: Iler and Eggle reported working together to come up with a plan for the pay rates and duties of the Park Attendant. We need to put info on our website and do some word of mouth advertising.

Recycling Grants: Discussion of correspondence ref Recycling Grants. We felt that at this time it was not for us.

CPR Class: Eggle updated us on the CPR class scheduled for February 22 here at the Hall.

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.

BOR Resolutions: Resolution 20230214-A was offered by Bolduc, supported by Nemish to adopt guidelines for poverty exemption consideration at BOR. The resolution was adopted 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Resolution 20230214-B was offered by Black, supported by Eggle to adopt the Federal HHS financial guidelines for poverty exemption at BOR. The resolution was adopted 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Resolution 20230214-C was offered by Nemish, supported by Black to adopt BOR petition hours on Monday, March 13, and Wednesday March 15 with 4 of those hours being after 5 PM. The resolution was adopted 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Resolution 20230214-D was offered by Bolduc, supported by Eggle to allow property owners various ways to bring petitions to BOR. The resolution was adopted (with questions on paragraph 3 referencing the time when we could do Zoom meetings) 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Resolution 20230214-E was offered by Black, supported by Bolduc to use specific forms as prepared by State authorities along with our poverty financial guidelines and a cover letter for people to apply for a poverty exemption at BOR. The resolution as adopted 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Budget FY 23/24: Bolduc and Eggle presented a revised proposed Budget for the new FY starting April 1, 2023. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Black, 2nd Eggle, to adopt the budget as presented and take it to Annual Meeting for approval. Passed.

OCTA: Discussion and review of the recent Osceola County Township Association (OCTA) meeting. Question was raised if we would be willing to pay a representative of the Twp to attend the quarterly OCTA meetings.

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. Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7 PM.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Extended comment opened at 9:31 PM. There were three comments and public comment closed at 9:34 PM.

Adjourn: Black moved to adjourn at 9:34 PM, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.