

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

**Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.

**Guests:** 8 citizens.

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM with prayer and the pledge.

**Guest Presentation:** None.

**Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:07 PM, there were no comments, and public comment closed at 7:07 PM.

**Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2023, were reviewed. Typos noted and corrected under Treasurer's report, strike August, change to September, and under Cemetery Ordinance change spelling to counsel. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for October was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$172,626.40, Receipts \$23,199.94, Disbursements \$16,607.95, Ending balance \$179,218.39. CDs: Beginning balance \$137,373.47, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$137,373.47. General Fund Total ending balance \$316,591.86.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,506.84, Receipts \$22.06, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$89,528.90. Encumbered \$60,000.  
CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$80,239.60, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$1,267.90, Ending balance \$78,971.70. Donated picnic funds total \$150.  
Motion to accept the October report, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,251.66, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.  
Reviewed the gravel bill. Contract estimate was \$60,000. Invoice was \$63,300. This year's gravel was made and "stored" for spreading in 2024. The Co. had too much other work to get our gravel spread this year. Johns moved to extend the gravel payment from the estimated \$60,000 up to the invoiced actual billed amount of \$63,300, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

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

**County Comm.:** County Commissioner Gregory attended and shared that Land Bank fund approved to demolish the old Anex, Agreement with Clerk for vital records for people living at a distance - with fees, 2024 budget approved with it being balanced without using fund balance, deputy position opening, COA workers approved, EMS echo unit, re-mounting ambulance box on new chasse, Grant for bullet proof vests for Sheriff dept (vests have a 5 year shelf life), \$24,500 donation with approval to purchase a 2017 Tahoe, approved treasurers recommendation to make dog licenses up to 3

year, Board of Canvassers appointed, PA 116 for Doug Worth, approved 9 day early voting plans for county, and approved to provide more info related to GIS on website.

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

**Planning Comm.:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Allen Holmes selling shed/tiny homes from his business. Blight ordinance - still waiting for attorney opinion. Trailer in Dighton has been moved, so that is now a non issue. Concern still remains about property west side of 140<sup>th</sup> slightly south of 19 Mile.

**Parks Committee:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.  
**Center Lake** – Iler reviewed park information: one port-a-potty has been moved out for the winter, Water is the lowest he has seen it, rocks are being moved in for the round a bout project, camps have not paid for their milfoil agreements.

**Road Committee:** Eggle reported on the RC meeting. Focus of discussion was 2024 projects. Next meeting they hope that Mike Mattzela can attend and provide recommendations.

**Cemetery:** Calkins reported that the water is off, flags are collected, and the cemetery is closed. There are two pending foundations. One is a large repair job on the Noggle obelisk.

**Correspondence:** There were several items of correspondence to report: 1) Email from Don Akers regarding township name, 2) financials from Maple Hill Cemetery, and 3) postcards from Consumers Energy.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Records Retention:** Ongoing, no updates this month.

**Cem. Ordinance:** Discussion, 10 min at minimum, reviewing attorney opinion memo, see attached. Eggle recommended to have further conversations with our attorney and Mr. Badovinac.

**Blight Ord.:** See Cemetery Ordinance above paragraph.

**Capital Equip.** AED is installed. We want the instructions easy to get to. Jason P. Waiting for materials to be shipped. Once those arrive, he is ready to work on the doors.

**ARPA Funds:** Nothing to report. Paperwork was taken care of timely.

**Business Cards:** Discussed getting 500 business cards for Jason. Bolduc will move forward.

**Election:** Reviewed need for locking equipment storage for the nights in between the early voting days. We need clarification from the State on what is needed. Nemish raised the question of early voting consolidation with the county. Discussion.

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

**Center Lake:** Closed for now.

**New Business:**

**PC Member:** Eggle reported that Dale Graff's term on the PC was complete. He will be delighted to continue to serve. Eggle nominated Dale Graff for another term on the PC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**Name Change:** Eggle allowed J Fred Calkins to bring some information and a suggestion, see attached, on the possibility of changing our name from Sherman Township to something more unique, since there are only 8 other Sherman Townships in MI. Discussion. No one felt that we wished to move forward at this time.

**Gravel:** Discussion and vote earlier in the meeting.

**Generator:** Two bids were reviewed. Ray and Brooks. Both are Honeywell Generac machines. Ray quoted an 18kw at \$13,800, and Brooks quoted a 22kw at \$11,100, both have similar installation plans. Black moved to go with the quote from Brooks, spending \$11,100 from the ARPA funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no.

**Misc. Issues:** None.

**Review of Dates:** Eggle reviewed the chart of dates.

**Announcements:** OCTA meeting coming up on Monday, November 27 at 7 pm. Eggle is planning on attending. And BOR time has been moved to 11 AM.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 9:09 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 9:12 PM.

**Adjourn:** Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:12 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.