

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**AUGUST 14, 2018**

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 8 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on July 10, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for July was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$114,384.29, Receipts \$290.22, Disbursements \$9,652.03, Ending balance \$105,022.48. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens (beginning balance \$117.00, receipts \$26, disbursements \$0, ending balance \$143). CDs: Beginning balance \$129,899.89, Receipts \$243.74, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,143.63. General Fund Total ending balance \$235,166.11.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$94,087.25, Receipts \$12.53, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$94,099.78. Encumbered \$72,672.  
Motion to accept July report as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills \$4,633.88 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.  
  
Motion by Bolduc to give Strong Tower Radio \$200 for the used office chairs \$20 per chair, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed. (Nemish requested an invoice for next meeting.)
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Assessor Update:** Jason Patterson attended and provided a verbal update on the status of the township wide re-appraisal. He is nearing completion. There are hours of computer work as well as the field work which he is completing. Per the contract he will request a lump sum payment, through payroll, when he is finished. He also answered questions from the Board. One question regarded the property which had never been on the tax roll. It seems that it was once owned by the railroad, it is in the Dighton area, and when abandoned and the railroad company disbanded the property was forgotten about. It is listed as owner unknown and will eventually be up for tax sale since the unknown owner is unlikely to pay the property taxes.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and updated the Board on items which the BOC is dealing with.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the minutes of the July Fire Board meeting, see attached.

- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There was one permit issued for a garage at a home on Red Tail Run.
- Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill – nothing at this time.  
Center Lake – working on getting payments together from our partners.
- Road Comm.:** Morton conducted the August meeting and announced that he is moving downstate near his children and resigned from the Road Committee. At their meeting the Road Comm. reviewed the projects from this summer and reported that the second pile of gravel which we are stocking for placement in 2019 is being made and held. Road Committee recommends to the Twp Board that we do a second brine application. Discussion. Motion by Eggle to approve contract, which we looked at earlier this year, for a 2<sup>nd</sup> application of brine on our gravel roads, to cancel if we get significant rains or if they can't get it done timely, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Cemetery:** Calkins reported on the things he has been working on around the cemetery, a couple of headstone footings, and re-working the bronze plaques on some military headstone where he noticed they had come loose. Akers helped supply some epoxy and Johns mentioned that he had contacts from some work he did with a funeral home for a couple of years and could help as well. It has been a quiet month.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc and Eggle had 7 items 1) Follow up letter from Michael Morin on our Risk Control meeting for our insurance company Michigan Township Participating Plan, 2) MSU Extension regarding education teams and Citizen Planner, 3) Thank you via email from Kettunen Center re: chip seal of 4H drive and our willingness to partner with them, 4) Resignation from Road Committee of Ed Morton because he is moving out of the area and Dave Johns since he became Trustee, 5) MTA on training, 6) Copies of various emails related to the Park resolution and rules as well as the attendant, 7) Copies of email from Iler regarding zoning revisions.
- Old Business:**
- Assessment Rev.:** Already covered.
- Zoning:** Ordinance was reviewed and the Board discussed some of the various changes.
- Center Lake:** Per our retainer with Restorative Lake Sciences we could request them to come to a twp meeting and explain to us a bit of what they are doing.
- 150 Years:** Eggle placed a framed certificate from the State on our wall.
- Area Fire Radio:** Board discussed a bit. We would like the Fire Department to be running point on getting the proper documents etc. and following rules FCC/FAA etc.
- August Election:** Bolduc reviewed the recent August Primary Election. Things went very well. The two new election staff have been a good fit and are picking up the equipment end of the job quickly as well as other regulatory parts. It was a rather slow election with much lower turnout than 2 years ago. We are now looking forward to November.

**New Business:**

**Center Lake Park:** Eggle reviewed reaching out to law enforcement about enforcing our rules. Was advised to pass an ordinance. Reviewed that need with our legal council. Shared with the Board some drafts. Bolduc found in the file an ordinance adopted in 1974. Eggle will review with legal council and bring a comprehensive ordinance for our decision next month.

Following discussion of pay scale, Eggle motioned to appoint Travis Gothard at \$50 per month salary to gather trash and generally “attend” the Center Lake Park taking the trash to our dumpster as needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed. Sexton or Clerk will provide the trash bags.

**Road Comm.:** The Road Committee meeting for September is canceled.

**Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed attached power point slides of the upcoming months.

**Announcements:** Eggle reviewed certificate of appreciation to Edwin (Ed) Morton even though he could not attend this evening. Eggle will get the certificate to him.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:16 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:20 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bolduc to adjourn at 9:23 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.