

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 9, 2019

Members Present: Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.

Members Absent: Dave Johns.

Guests: 9 people.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.

Public Comment: Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.

Guest Presentation: Vicki Sawicki, see attached handouts, on invasive species and programs by which residents can obtain help removing them. Saturday, June 29, 2019, at 9 AM at the Kettunen Center there will be a workshop on removing Autumn Olive.

Mike Solomon from Restorative Lake Sciences, he is the senior hydrologist, updating us on the work being done to remove the invasive species in Center Lake, primarily the Eurasian Milfoil. Center Lake is a gem of a lake in the top 10% of the lakes in MI. It is an oligotrophic (definition as found on the web (especially of a lake) relatively low in plant nutrients and containing abundant oxygen in the deeper parts.), two story lake with good oxygen all the way down. A current survey shows 16 native species and 3 invasive (Eurasian water milfoil, purple loosestrife, and curly leaf pondweed). Possible genetic testing in the future to see if the Eurasian milfoil has hybridized with other types of milfoil. We have come a long way, but more treatments, possibly more aggressive treatments, will still need to be done necessitating more budgetary needs in the future.

John from Kater Lawn & Snow discussing the contract for lawn care in the cemetery, township hall grounds, and the two township parks. Discussed spring and fall clean-ups. Fall clean-up includes mulching the leaves. Proposal is for the costs to be \$375 per mow for the Cemetery and Hall, \$20 per mow Center Lake park, and \$30 per mow Grove Hill. Discussion Sexton being point of contact for mowing yes, or no, for the township. Key holidays of Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day will need to be mowed for sure, but every other week might be too little in the early season and too much in the late season.

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the regular meeting on March 12, 2019, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for March was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$76,145.37, Receipts \$3.36, Disbursements \$8,713.56 Ending balance \$67,435.17. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$143. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,170.09, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,174.55. General Fund Total ending balance \$197,609.72.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$54,776.56, Receipts \$6.97, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$54,783.53. Encumbered \$63,360.

Motion to accept March report as presented, Nemish, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Bills: Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills \$3,944.71 from General Fund, 2nd Black. Passed. *(This includes the annual pmts to Tustin Library \$300, and Maple Hill Cemetery \$1,250.)*

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Commissioner Nehmer joined us for the main part of our meeting this evening. He reported that the person hired to do the external review of EMS recused himself but not until he had made a few recommendations based on two conversations with people who were not part of the list which the Co. had for him to work from. Nehmer read from a statement that in part said the County would not be acting on those recommendations.

Fire Board Report: Art (Mike) Black reviewed the minutes of the March Fire Board meeting, see attached.

Plan Commission: There were no zoning permits issued in the past month. The PC revised the abandoned building discussion and felt that nothing needed to be added to the zoning ordinance.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – nothing yet this spring.
Center Lake – nothing yet this spring.

Road Comm.: Eggle reviewed this month's Road Committee meeting and emails between various persons.

Cemetery: The gates are open. No burials yet. Stick and pre-mowing clean-up has begun by the Sexton. There is no major over winter damage to report.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Zoning Ord: Moved by Nemish with 2nd by Black to approve the Zoning Ordinance which is Sherman Township Ordinance number 12 with an effective date of April 22, 2019 following the publication of notice in the Cadillac News on April 15, 2019, roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. Bolduc will see to the publication, copies, and placing it on the web. H. John Iler will be providing an updated map file.

Area Fire Radio: No update this month.

Risk Mitigation: Reviewed power point slides. Nemish will move forward with water testing in May. We need to get a lighting quote from Pat Foster.

Marihuana: Nothing at this time.

Tire Collection: Sherman Twp has several volunteers and we need one more firm commitment for our time slot. See attached power point slide.

Road Projects: Eggle presented several slides, print copies are attached. Discussion of brine application. We were given misinformation about the order of receiving our County paid for brine application. We are not last this year. So we decided by consensus to hold our paid for brine application until late in the summer if we think it is needed.

Discussed additional gravel purchase. Moved by Bolduc with 2nd by Black to purchase as listed on the attached contract with Osceola Co. Road Commission an additional \$38,500 worth of gravel. Passed.

Mowing Contract: John from Kater came and reviewed his proposal with the Board as detailed earlier in the minutes. Eggle moved to approve the contract with Kater for the 2019 mowing season, cemetery point person Keith Calkins, Sexton, Center Lake Park check with Travis Gothard for needed mowing, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

New Business:

Audit: Bolduc has been in touch with Mike Cool from Biard, Cotter and Bishop to schedule the every other year financial audit. It is set to start at 8:30 AM Monday, May 20, here at the Township Hall.

Records Retention: Eggle and Bolduc in the months to come will review major element areas and the recommended record retention schedule and begin purging those items which the Township is no longer required to keep. Additional details and reports will be provided from time to time.

ZBA Vacant Seat: Eggle is working to find a replacement for Judy Finazzi who will be moving to Cadillac once her home sells.

Assessor Contract: Our current contract with Jason Patterson for Assessing comes to a close at the end of April. Bolduc brought an updated four year contract, see attached unsigned copy, for the Board to review. There are very few changes. Basically the salary rate was increased as were most other salaries across the Township and the number of parcels varies from year to year. Black moved that we approve the contract as presented and renew our contract for assessing service from Jason Patterson, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:03 PM. There were none, and public comment closed at 9:03 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Black to adjourn at 9:03 PM, 2nd Eggle. Passed.