

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 5 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 three comments and comments closed. Eggle expanded on one comment regarding Blight Ordinances and what the Co. Prosecutor will and will not pursue. There was also discussion defining “junk yard” vs. “junky yard.”
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk’s Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on July 9, 2019 were reviewed. Discussion of the word “deadline” under paragraph *Old Business – Marihuana*. In the bill paying section, add parentheses around (*with a hold on the Kater Lawn bill until clarification*) and check spelling of Mr. Whitley’s first name Dwayne vs. Duane. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Treasurer’s Report:** Report for July was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$101,775.29, Receipts \$10,069.31, Disbursements \$14,381.76, Ending balance \$97,462.84. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens activity for July and ending balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,425.11, Receipts \$269.11, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,694.22. General Fund Total ending balance \$228,157.06.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$125,785.76, Receipts \$15.68, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$128,801.44. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept July report as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Mention was made of DEQ permits on the Milfoil treatment (\$400) were NOT paid by a grant as we had hoped. The grant was supposed to have been applied for by PLM, but that didn’t happen for a variety of reasons. This was not limited to our lake. Many places could not meet the requirements and there is a pot of funds for next years grant which hopefully the DEQ will make easier to apply for. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,314.69 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended. The County has a new COA director. We got an update on the progress of the security upgrades at the courthouse, and that the BOC is looking at grants for a new ambulance and for veterans affairs. Update on staffing changes, Nancy Crawford retired the end of July, and the Sheriff resigned to take up a different position with the Co. the undersheriff will step into that role until the next

election.

**Fire Board Report:** Johns provided and presented the minutes from July Fire Board meetings, see attached. An original copy of the signed lease for the TAFD tower on Twp property was provided for our files, a copy will be filed in the board book with the minutes.

**Plan Commission:** Approval of minutes is caught up to date. ZBA minutes were also reviewed. Two permits were issued: an addition on 18 Mile Rd. and a house on County Line Rd. The PC discussed the Marijuana opt-in/opt-out issue.

Request to attend a training put on by MTA, August 27, at Fox Hill event center in Cadillac for 3 people to attend from Sherman Twp. at \$114 per person. Eggle motioned to approve sending Tasha L., Ron M. And Pete N. “To Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning” by MTA, Bolduc to facilitate registration, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

Discussion of keys. It seems that there are very few people on either the PC or ZBA who have keys to the office. Is it time to re-key the buildings and implement a key registry? Add to “Risk Meditation” section and revisit this question.

**Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.  
**Center Lake** – Request for a statement to be sent to all stakeholders on the Center Lake Milfoil treatment and retainer costs for 2019. Further explanation on why PLM was unable to apply for the grant, see attached printout of email.

**Road Comm.:** Eggle reported on the execution phase of gravel application for summer 2019. We are getting near the end of our projects. Eggle recommends moving forward with the 2<sup>nd</sup> application of brine which we previously voted on. He will keep us involved in the in communication loop as things move forward with the county road crew.

**Cemetery:** Calkins and Bolduc reviewed cemetery issues. Things have been quiet and low key this summer.

**Correspondence:** Eggle and Bolduc had nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

**Area Fire Radio:** Electrical done by Don Akers. Ground work for tower has not been started yet. Bill for electrical items purchased at Hoaglund Hardware was accidentally included on the twp bill and sent to the twp. Johns will pass that along to the TAFD.

**Risk Mitigation:** Water testing completed. All sites, Hall, Cemetery, and Center Lake Park pump, tested fine. We are good to go! Motion to pay the bill for this testing (check for email with bill attachment *bb found it sent to personal email address*) Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed. Bolduc will get check ready and to Black to sign and send ASAP.

**Marihuana:** Topic touched on during PC report.

**Fireworks Ord.:** The Board reviewed some materials which Eggle found pertaining to how we might regulate. Discussion of pros and cons of enacting a township ordinance to cover this issue. See attached printout of power point slides. Eggle mentioned sending an email to the county prosecutor and sheriff to see if they have had complaints around the county, and if any ordinances, enacted in other local townships, have teeth to them. Suggest

putting together a committee with all lake stake holder entities represented. Board will discuss further in September.

**Records Retention:** Eggle and Bolduc hoping to work on this project late fall/winter.

**New Business:**

**Nov. Election:** Bolduc is beginning to prepare for this November's election. Based on information provided at the recent training and meetings which she attended, we need to consider getting a new laptop to serve as our ePoll Book. This is being driven by changes which the State is making to the Qualified Voter File and how it interacts with security as connections are made to the ePoll Book. Nemish recommends getting quotes on prices and bringing that to the September meeting.

**Open Seats:** Al Peterson has moved into Cadillac and has tendered his resignation from the BOR. Steven Pentces has moved to Burdell twp and tendered his resignation from the Road Comm. (Void current pay check as he resigned before the coverages dates of that pay period.) Eggle is working on nominations and expects to provide some at our next meeting.

**Trash Removal:** Based on our continued issues and poor service from our current trash removal service, Nemish has done extensive research on who services the township and what prices they charge. We wish to change from Waste Management. Republic has no coverage. Call pending with Independent Rural Waste, as well as several others. American is interested in our account. They would empty every other week and charge \$65 per month, and they offer suspended service during the winter at \$20 per month. Discussion. Suggestion to keep WM until November then have no trash service over winter and contract with our new choice beginning around mid April 2020. We will make a decision next month.

**Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates.

**Announcements:** HAZMAT clean-up this year the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October is at the North County Road Garage on 20 Mile Rd.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:01 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 9:01 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Black to adjourn at 9:01 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.