

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2019**

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns.
- Member Absent:** Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 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 7:03 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 7:04 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on January 8, 2019, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for January was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$83,168.29, Receipts \$3.16, Disbursements \$7,026.08 Ending balance \$76,145.37. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$143. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,165.63, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,170.09. General Fund Total ending balance \$206,315.46.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$54,769.59, Receipts \$6.97, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$54,776.56. Encumbered \$63,360.  
Motion to accept January report as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills \$3,487.78 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither commissioner could attend this meeting due in part to the weather. Eggle updated that COA dismissal issue continues to be worked toward a resolution. The company with the winning bid over a year ago now to review EMS was not heard from due to one of the two proprietors' death. The other just found the paper work on our job and will be starting work on that soon. The Sheriff retired and the under Sheriff took the remainder of his term.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the minutes of the January Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish was not at the meeting, but he provided minutes from the last PC meeting. No permits. Discussion about "Tiny Houses" i.e. less than 750 sq ft. PC discussed abandoned houses, and PC felt they were not a problem in our community. The Twp Board feels that abandoned houses indeed are a problem. Bolduc rattled off 3 which she drives past regularly which are falling in so badly they are a health and safety

concern. Two properties in the twp placed in land conservancy (Floyd & Denise Justice and Jack Brehm). Liponoga consulting with MTA about Marihuana issues.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – on hold for winter.  
**Center Lake** – on hold for winter.
- Road Comm.:** Committee Chair Peterson reviewed recent discussions and plans which the Township Road Committee has been working on for the Summer season, see attached printout of power point slides.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc made a motion to renew membership in the Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries for \$35, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed. Calkins reported that he is working on an updated Cemetery Ordinance as recommended by our insurance liability mitigation review. He has been reviewing the sample ordinance as given in MTA publications. One interesting recommendation he found was selling plots for specific people and not groups of plots to a family without specifying who is to be buried in each plot. Mention by Johns that flag placement and the flags themselves could possibly be provided or help to do it provided by the VFW. He will check around and ask.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc had three items 1) from Osceola Co. Road Commission regarding each townships annual half hour meeting, and 2) copy of recommendations which doubles as an invoice from Patrick Foster following his walk through of the twp hall regarding fire suppression and escape best practices.
- Old Business:**  
**Zoning Ord:** Eggle brought up the revised Sherman Twp Zoning Ordinance for consideration. Resolution number 20190212 offered by Eggle to adopt as presented by the Planning Commission the revised Sherman Township Zoning Ordinance including all amendments as presented at multiple public hearings and reviewed at previous board meetings, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Roll call vote, 4 yes, 0 no. Following the addition of the proper ordinance number, notice will be published in the Cadillac news, it will be posted on our website and copies will be printed and given to the twp officials who need a copy as well as available for purchase.
- Area Fire Radio:** Fire Dept. checked with their insurance and there is no problem adding this tower to their coverage.
- Risk Mitigation:** Foster came and did a walk through. The board review the letter with his recommendations, see attached. Eggle still working on signs. Discussion of tables. Our tables need to be moved off the ramp. They are very heavy. Possibly get lighter ones with a dolly and store them where the chairs are usually kept across from the office door. Maybe also get a dolly for the chairs.
- Budget FY18/19:** Bolduc presented, see attached, a page outlining amendments to the current budget, FY 2018/2019. This represents Change 3 to this budget. Motion by Black to approve the budget changes as presented \$4,535, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Budget season:** Bolduc brought a revised draft of budget for FY 19/20 which the Board reviewed, see attached. Motion by Eggle to approve as presented the revised budget for FY 19/20,

2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

Voted millage budget also reviewed. Motion to approve as amended FY 19/20 Voted Millage budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Marihuana:** Discussion of opt in or opt out. The board recognizes that this discussion will take several meetings by both the PC and the Board to figure out. Bolduc motioned to adopt resolution 20192012-A a moratorium for one year from this date regarding marihuana establishments pursuant to the marihuana regulation and taxation act, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns, roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no. Passed. (See attached complete moratorium resolution language).

**New Business:**

**BOR:** March Board of Review dates are set for Tuesday, March 5, 9 AM Organizational meeting and swearing in of new member/alternate. Monday, March 11 from 9 AM to 3 PM and again on Wednesday, March 13 from 3 PM to 9 PM Petition Hearing times with Bolduc to provide supplemental administrative support.

Eggle motioned to adopt the Federal Poverty guidelines for 2019 as provided online, see attached printout, for the purpose of property tax abatement deliberation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.

**Tire Collection:** Sherman Twp is once again participating with the Tire Clean-up as headed by Peggy Hoard. See attached power point slide for dates of collection. Sherman will need to supply about 3 volunteers for one time slot.

**Fee Schedule:** Bolduc reviewed changes to the Fee Schedule, see attached. Motion by Black to adopt Resolution 20190212-B an updated, amended, Fee Schedule covering all fees for FOIA, ZONING, HALL USE, PAY SCALE FOR OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, and CEMETERY as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no. Passed.

**Plowing:** Johns and Nemish met with Kater to discuss snow removal and how services are billed. Nemish took notes but did not supply the info for our meeting.

**Fire Dept. Budget:** A budget for the upcoming FY for the Tustin Area Fire District was provided and reviewed. Motion by Eggle to concur with this budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates in Feb, March, and April.

**Announcements:** None.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:06 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:08 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Black to adjourn at 9:08 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.