

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

- Members Present:** Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** Sharon Black
- 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 none and public comment closed at 7:02 PM. There was one comment from a board member.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 11, 2018, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected (*p. 2 it was Trustee Nemish not the Co. Commissioner who suggested Patrick Foster as consultant regarding fire risk and safety issues*) Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was provided by the Treasurer and read by the Clerk – Checking account: Beginning balance \$81,244.06, Receipts \$15,997.48, Disbursements \$14,073.25 Ending balance \$83,168.29. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$143. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,161.32, Receipts \$4.31, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,165.63. General Fund Total ending balance \$213,333.92. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$54,762.85, Receipts \$6.74, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$54,769.59. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept December report as presented, Johns, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills \$2,038.33 from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and updated the Board on items which the BOC is dealing with including changes to the officers of the BOC, Nehmer voted BOC Chair in January. Eggle reviewed some of the EMS issues as he had recently had a meeting with J. Beebe Osceola Co. EMS Director as well as past discussion with commissioner Emig on how to recruit and keep good staff. Commissioners need to be armed with the right information.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the minutes of the November Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. No permits in December. PC discussed empty abandoned building and marihuana as possible future additions to ordinances. The conversation to continue. Zoning Ordinance has not reached the 30 days for the

county to comment on it, so we will vote on it at our February meeting.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – on hold for winter.
Center Lake – on hold for winter.

Road Comm.: Eggle reported the RC discussion from the last meeting. The foreman for our area, Greg Hesslink and Luke Houlton attended to answer questions etc. They felt our plan was spot on with the addition of 170th going north from 20 Mile road. Crack/Chip seal and gravel will be the big efforts this year. RC will present a recommendation at the February board meeting. We are last for brine in our quadrant of the county this season. Brine will cost about the same this year as last year.

Cemetery: Calkins reported that all has been quiet.

Correspondence: Bolduc had three items 1) information from MTA email of capital happenings on new FOIA rules, 2) from MTA magazine regarding Voter registration changes, and 3) MI Dept. Ag & Rural Development brochures regarding Farmland Preservation Program.

Old Business:

Zoning Ord: Ready for Board to vote on this at the February 12, 2019, Regular Board meeting.

Area Fire Radio: Fire Dept. would like to know when the Twp Board would like sight plan and profs of ins.?

Risk Mitigation: Reviewed power point chart. Nemish checked with Foster, and he will do a review of the Hall for \$50 or less. Eggle checked with Mike Marr a sign maker in Marion, MI, and he can do just about anything we want for a sign.

Nominations Road Committee, Board of Review, & Zoning Board of Appeals:

Motion by Eggle for Ron Belville to serve on the Board of Review (this is a two year term), 2nd Johns. Passed.

Motion by Eggle for Russell Monroe to serve on the ZBA (this is a 3 year term), 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Eggle is working to fill–

An alternate for the BOR.

Suggested that Bolduc create a document with names of all committee members with phone and email as well as terms etc.

Annual Mtg.: Board discussed a date for Annual Meeting. Motion by Nemish to hold Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of March in conjunction with out monthly meeting which begins at 7 pm, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Compensation: The Board discussed member compensation as well as employee/committee salaries. See attached printout of power point slide with salary comparison Sherman with other local township.

Resolution 20190108-B offered by Bolduc, 2nd Nemish, to increase the Supervisor's pay from \$6,297.90 by 4% to \$6,549.88 pending determination of the electors at the annual meeting effective with the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019. Roll Call vote 4 yes, 0 no.

Resolution 20190108-C offered by Eggle, 2nd Bolduc, to increase the Treasurers' pay from \$10,341.45 by 4% to \$10,755.14 pending determination of the electors at the annual meeting effective with the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019. Roll Call vote 4 yes, 0 no.

Resolution 20190108-D offered by Eggle, 2nd Nemish, to increase the Clerk's pay from \$10,586.10 by 4% to \$11,009.60 pending determination of the electors at the annual meeting effective with the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019. Roll Call vote 4 yes, 0 no.

Resolution 20190108-E offered by Eggle, 2nd Bolduc, to increase the Trustee's pay from \$1,992.38 by 4% to \$2,072.05 pending determination of the electors at the annual meeting effective with the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019. Roll Call vote 3 yes, 0 no, 1 abstaining.

Motion by Eggle to increase all employees and all departments pay rates by 4% beginning with the new fiscal year April 1, 2019, contingent on the approval by the electors at the annual meeting of the Board Members pay increase, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Mileage rate: Bolduc presented information from the IRS regarding the standard mileage rates for 2019 (see attached) and motioned to increase our rate to \$.58 per mile for all departments of the township effective at the beginning of the new fiscal year, April 1, 2019, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Budget FY18/19: Bolduc presented, see attached, a page outlining amendments to the current budget, FY 2018/2019. This represents Change 2 to this budget. Motion by Nemish to approve the budget changes as presented, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Budget season: Bolduc brought a first draft of budget for FY 19/20 which the Board reviewed, see attached.

Marihuana: Mentioned earlier under Planning Commission.

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. Discussion of training. Motion by Eggle to send 5 people to training, Supervisor, 3 appointed BOR members, and the as yet un-named alternate, to MTA sponsored training to be held in Cadillac in February (Bolduc will register attendees), and to purchase one copy of the MTA BOR updated book, costs not to exceed \$500, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Resolution 20190108-A offered by Eggle, 2nd Bolduc, to allow BOR petitions from people by letter, telephonically, email, in person or by personal representative. Roll Call 4 yes, 0 no.

Center Lk Weeds: Restorative Lake Sciences, RLS, contract is up for renewal. Board reviewed and

motion to renew as well as renew our cooperative agreement with Kettunen Center, Center Lake Bible Camp, and the Center Lake Preservation Association for 1/3, 1/3, and one half of 1/3 with the Township also paying one half of 1/3 and acting as fiduciary, 2nd Johns. Passed.

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

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:49 PM. There was one person with three areas of comment, and public comment closed at 8:52 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Johns to adjourn at 8:52 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.