

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JULY 9, 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 Bolduc with prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.
- Bolduc stated that Eggle would arrive as soon as possible and unless there were objections she would run the meeting until he arrived.
- Public Comment:** Bolduc opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There was one comment from the floor. There were two board member comments, and comments closed at 7:04 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** Iler asked to defer his comments until Eggle arrived and the Board agreed.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on June 11, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Johns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$96,145.92, Receipts \$15,461.97, Disbursements \$9,832.60, Ending balance \$101,775.29. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$163. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,420.72, Receipts \$4.39, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,425.11. General Fund Total ending balance \$232,200.40. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$125,217.71, Receipts \$3,568.05, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$128,785.76. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept June report as presented, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Question raised about Audit frequency? Are we on the optimal schedule to follow the legal requirement and save the maximum tax payer funds? Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills (with a hold on the Kater Lawn bill until clarification) totaling \$8,175.86 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended. County offices are conducting a 150 year celebration event on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, in the afternoon. The Co. is working on a waterways grant from the DNR to redo the boat ramp on Rose Lake.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns provided and presented the minutes from June Fire Board meetings, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** The PC barely had a quorum so it was a short meeting. According to info from the State of MI, The question of Twp's opting out of Marihuana needs to be addressed prior to November 1, 2019 when the State plans on beginning to accept facility permit applications.

**Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.  
**Center Lake** – Iler reported that the application of granular herbicide took place as planned to treat the invasive Eurasian Milfoil. Water monitory is schedule for this week or next. Eggle arrived and Iler proceeded to do his presentation regarding fireworks. See attached handouts. A significant display was provided for July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration by Center Lake Bible Camp (CLBC). These fireworks while large were private for the camp only. The Camp did not inform other Lake residences that they would be happening. Ilers said that the Loons were in severe distress for at least 30 minutes over the firework display. The Board discussed the information and sample ordinances which Iler had presented. Eggle recommends that he will call the camp manager, Board members should gather information on how other municipalities handle regulating and permitting firework displays in their jurisdictions, and the Board will visit this topic again at the August meeting.

**Road Comm.:** There was no July RC meeting. Eggle is waiting to hear if the gravel applications around the Twp have begun.

**Cemetery:** Calkins and Bolduc reviewed cemetery issues.  
**Correspondence:** Eggle and Bolduc had items.

**Old Business:**  
**Verizon Tower:** Board recommendation to PC to deny extending the special use permit. Verizon is welcome to re-request a second special use permit when they are close to being ready to build.

**Area Fire Radio:** A final copies were provided of the proposed lease agreement between Tustin Area Fire Dept. and Sherman Twp regarding the communications tower. Motion by Bolduc with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black to approve the lease agreement between Tustin Area Fire Dept. And Sherman Township, Osceola Co., and authorize Eggle to sign on behalf of the Township. Passed.

**Risk Mitigation:** Reviewed power point slides. Water testing will take place soon.

**Marihuana:** State Regulatory Commission is moving forward with a November 1, 2019, “deadline” for townships to opt in or opt out corresponding with when the State Regulatory Commission will begin accepting applications for facilities which will sell Marihuana. The Board is looking forward to the PC’s recommendations at our next meeting.

**Audit:** Bolduc handed out official final copies of the audit as provided by Baird, Cotter, and Bishop. She also touched on some IT data security/safety concerns as raised by the accountant during the audit. This question has become more standard since entities across the nation are being hit and data held for ransom. It is good for the Twp to periodically assess their risk to data recovery cost ratio.

**Records Retention:** Eggle and Bolduc have found that summer scheduling is not the optimal time to push this project. Bolduc also hopes to receive more info on this subject as one of the classes and the up coming MTA Clerk retreat deals with records retention.

**BOR:** Eggle and the BOR members are on track for the meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 9 AM in the Hall.

- Nov. Election:** Nothing further to report. This is still something that is happening as far as we know. Bolduc and Deputy Clerk Solcum are attending a training on election rule changes in light of Proposition 3 which was passed in November 2018 on Monday, July 15, 2019, in Big Rapids.
- New Business:**
- Attendance/Comp.:** Recently a member of one of the Road Committee questioned receiving their monthly check when they had in fact missed the meeting for that month. It is just wise for the Board to visit the issue of paying a flat monthly rate to committee members such as the Planning Commission and Road Committee vs. paying an attendance based rate per meeting. Bolduc lead a discussion regarding best payroll practices. Including noting that the auditor asked what our payroll schedule was. Paying a head, paying for the current whole month, or paying from the last board meeting up to the current month's board meeting. Bolduc clarified that we are paying from the last board meeting up to the current month board meeting. The payroll checks shall be dated as such. The Board informally decided to stick with what we have been doing regarding paying committee members and employees. Committees and workers who only occasionally work such as Election Workers, ZBA, BOR, will continue to turn in a reimbursement form prior to paying them for the hours/days worked. Members of standing committees, such as the Planning Commission and Road Committee, with regular monthly meetings will get paid each month with no attendance reported to the clerk. Be it noted however that gross lapses in attendance will still be grounds for disciplinary action the end of which may be that persons removal from their position.
- Fireworks Ord.:** The Board briefly touched on this issue which was previously discussed at length in the Park & Recreation section of the meeting. Eggle will email MTA, our Lawyer, and call Duane Whitley the CLBC manager and bring more info to our August meeting. It is interesting that the State specifies that the lowest level of local government which for us is the Township shall be the authority to issue permits. Should we decide to not issue permits display fireworks would in effect be banned in the Township.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates including the Osceola 150 year celebration on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, from 2-3:30 PM in the Commissioners room at the Court House. Reviewed Road Budget summary slide.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:51 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 8:54 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Black to adjourn at 8:54 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.