

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 11, 2019

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 6 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Eggle with prayer by Nemish followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There were no comments from the floor. There was one board member comment, and comments closed at 7:04 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** There were no guest presentations this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on May 14, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$106,116.94, Receipts \$1,169.94, Disbursements \$11,140.92, Ending balance \$96,145.92. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$163. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,183.04, Receipts \$237.68, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,420.72. General Fund Total ending balance \$226,566.64.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$125,201.85, Receipts \$15.86, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$125,217.71. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept May report as presented, Nemish, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Black attended a Treasurers meeting at the county. Summer tax statements will be coming out soon.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,751.65 from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended. County BOC meetings running more normally than it has been. A few updates on EMS items including grants, training events and spaces, expense write offs. (Bills sent for one year by Co. to patient then Co. hands off to collection agency for one year, then if still not paid, Co. writes it off.) This write off was for 6 months amount \$72,952.36! Police dept. to begin replacing the squad car computers a few each year.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns provided and presented the minutes from April and May Fire Board meetings, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** One permit on 150th for a pole barn 32x40. Decision made to DENY the Verizon Tower Special Use permit extension. Verizon is welcome to apply for another Special Use permit when they are closer to being ready to build the tower. Grugal will call Verizon

to inform them of this decision. Nemish recommended reading the most recent MTA magazine page 12 which has a good article regarding opting in or opting out of the Marihuana question

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – recent prolific trash seemed to be of a construction nature possibly from the 9&10 building. Some materials seemed burned consistent with what happened with that building and there was some orange netting.
Center Lake – Iler reported Restorative Lake Sciences did conduct the proposed survey on May 31 of the aquatic invasive species. There are about two acres which need treatment this season. PLM (Professional Lakes Management) plans to do the chemical application on Friday, June 14. There is a 24 hour NO SWIMMING on the lake notice which is being sent around to concerned parties. PLM will do the paperwork which may or may not need our signature to receive the grant from the former DEQ now called EGLE (MI Dept. Of Environment, Great Lakes, & Energy) to get the permit costs covered. Center Lake Preservation Association thanks the Twp for their continued participation and payment of annual dues (\$15). When tested the lake water was 60° and a second test showed 71° with transparency to 17.5 foot.
- Road Comm.:** Eggle reviewed this month’s Road Committee meeting and emails between various persons. Brine application has begun. Gravel has been made. Eggle went to review it and showed a picture on his cell phone of our large pile of gravel. There is an issue with a guard rail on 150th which appears to have been hit. If there was an accident report made, the person’s insurance should cover fixing the damage. Eggle will look into this further. In a week to 10 days the gravel spreading should begin.
- Cemetery:** Calkins reviewed dumpster concerns. The trash is being stock piled since the dumpster is still full and broken. Bonham replacement marker footing has been complained about. Boik lot had started the process of us placing a footing for the marker for Mrs. Boik Milbert’s second husband, Richard Milbert. Prior to her death last year she had deeded her remaining plots to her son Scott Boik. Bolduc working with Holdship Funeral Home received a call from Scott giving his verbal OK to hold this spot and put in the pre-deceasement marker for R. Milbert. BUT, it seems the monument company jumped the gun and placed the marker with a prefab 2 inch or so footing/foundation. Holdship didn’t know this was being done. They will request that the marker be moved off to the side. We will pour the footing, which has already been paid for, and the monument company will re-place the marker. Sexton provided a copy of the November 2008 Cemetery ordinance and point out some areas where changes need to be made. Bolduc and Calkins will continue to work on this document. The board is invited to email them their suggested changes. An updated draft will be provided in subsequent months.
- Correspondence:** Eggle and Bolduc had items. 1) email from Peggy Hoard regarding Tire Clean-up, 2) State Dept. Treasury AMAR corrective action all items corrected!, 3) email giving notice of November election in Osceola Co affecting Sherman Twp, 4) letters from Baird, Cotter & Bishop of preliminary audit findings, 5) letter and request for donation to participate another year from the Osceola-Lake Conservation District, 6) Notice from PLM treatment of Center Lake, 7) Local Comm. Stabilization Authority check for \$3,552.10 ALL for Roads, 8) (not attached Census letter), suggest to check with County to see who handled such at that level and hand off to Deputy Clerk if possible, 9) MTA training opportunities for the Clerk, and 10) proposal from Kater Lawn/Snow for 2020 season.

Motion by Eggle to participate with the Osceola-Lake Conservation District and donate \$300 for the HAZMAT clean-up in October, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Motion by Bolduc for herself to attend one day of training provided by MTA July 18, 2019 Boyne Highlands at a cost of \$164 and mileage etc., 2nd Black. Passed.

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: Copies were provided of the proposed lease agreement between Tustin Area Fire Dept. and Sherman Twp regarding the communications tower. The Board discussed several points, and Eggle will follow through on any suggestions.

Risk Mitigation: Reviewed power point slides. Nemish to move forward with the water test. The Board discussed costs etc. Motion by Eggle to spend up to \$375 on water testing, 2nd Black. Passed. Further discussion. Motion to revise original motion to include testing on the drinking water at Center Lake Park, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.

Marihuana: Nothing at this time. MTA current issue p. 12 has a good article. Nemish recommended reading it.

Tire Collection: See attached email mentioned in correspondence and power point slide. It was a successful year!

Audit: Bolduc reviewed several point. See attached draft reports as marked. Also, Bolduc has made the recommended changes, and we are now in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts.

PC/ZBA Nominate: Two people have expired terms. Eggle nominated Amy Martin to continue to serve on the Planning Commission, 2nd Bolduc. Passed. Eggle nominated Doug DeVries to continue to serve on the ZBA, 2nd Black. Passed. DeVries has been elected by the ZBA to serve as their Chair pending his nomination approval.

Records Retention: Eggle and Bolduc will keep this item on the agenda and report from time to time. This needs to be done, but we have not pushed it forward yet.

AMAR Letter: See attached letter. It appears that this project is finished.

New Business:

OCTA: Osceola County Township Association having issues with people attending and being willing to serve as officers. Consensus from recent meeting is that it has a purpose. Questioned opening officer membership to “former” Township officials not just the current. Next meeting is August 26, 2019, at Sylvan Township Hall.

Nov. Election: The Osceola Co. Clerk informed us that we will be having an election on the specified for date in November 2019. The MOTA (Mesocta Osceola Transportation Authority) has lost a client and State funding has dropped. They went from roughly \$30,000 income down to \$10,000 income. They are trying to establish a millage to compensate and make up this revenue. They understand that this off cycle election will incur costs to

them. Bolduc has alerted her election team and begun preparations to be ready to implement the new election rules.

Service without Pay:

A resolution, 06112019 was presented, see attached, to give a provision whereby a person who has been asked to serve on one of the various committees or commissions of the township and who wishes to NOT receive compensation for this service may of their own volition sign an agreement which will then be placed in their personnel file indicating this request which the township will then honor. The resolution was offered by Eggle, 2nd by Nemish, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, 0 absence, 0 abstain and the clerk declared the resolution adopted. At this time there are two persons who have indicated that they will serve on the ZBA, but they do not wish to received the usual pay for this service. Bolduc will send the signature form to them should they wish to sign it.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. Reviewed Road Budget summary slide.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:13 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:21 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 9:21 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.