

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

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 5 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:06 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on February 12, 2019, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for February was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$76,145.37, Receipts \$3.36, Disbursements \$8,713.56 Ending balance \$67,435.17. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$143. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,170.09, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,174.55. General Fund Total ending balance \$197,609.72.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$54,776.56, Receipts \$6.97, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$54,783.53. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept February report as presented, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills \$9,525.76 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed. *(Note this includes \$5,873.60 from the State Local Community Stabilization funds which came as a single check and needed to be spread between General Fund, Roads, and Fire. The noted amount is for both Roads and Fire and is an equal amount to each. A copy of the spread info from our Accountant is attached.)*
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory joined us for the main part of our meeting this evening. He reported that the Co. continues to work on upgrading security systems and this might include some changes in how the public accesses the buildings. Because physical copies are required under the law, the county is beginning to use an off site storage company, in Flint, for storage of judicial records, which are retained forever! This is under the auspices of the Co. Clerk in the function by which they serve the court. Mitchell, Nehmer, and Gregory will be attending a convention/meeting with other MI Co. Commissioners. Finally, a building inspector is now at work under a new contract.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the minutes of the February Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** There were no zoning permits issued in the past month. The PC had a short meeting. Discussed Marihuana issues and abandoned houses.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – on hold for winter.  
**Center Lake** – on hold for winter.
- Road Comm.:** Eggle reviewed this months Road Committee meeting. The Co. doesn't think we have any urgent chip seal project areas, but better analysis can be done after the snow melts. The Co. covers the costs of the crack seal.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc reviewed the Kater Lawn bid. It is set up with each piece (cemetery, hall grounds, each park) being separate. As a total, it is a cost increase from last year. Don Akers looked at the cost (Kel Graphics approx. \$10 each white with black lettering) of metal signs to place on each water spicket to inform cemetery guests that the water is not potable. Discussion two signs, one at each entrance vs. at each water spicket. Legally we might have to have one at each. Discussion of spending the funds instead in testing the water. Nemish has some contact in this area and one lab in Cadillac will run tests for around \$40. No vote, but decision is for Nemish to move forward and get the water tested, both at the cemetery and at the hall, once we have turned the water on in the spring.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc had three items 1) FOIA same as last year from American Transparency from Boca Raton FL for info on employees, 2) form W9 from VanPolen a change to their company and a new EIN, and 3) spread sheet with info on which properties are involved in the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Act. Eggle had 1) MTA training (*flier not included for board book*), 2) letter with reply questionnaire on various special tax authorities, such as TIF and if we had any. Eggle will reply, and 3) a Boundary and Annexation Survey from the Census Bureau.
- Training:** To follow along with some of his correspondence, Eggle brought up MTA Internet based training modules. He proposed to purchase the ZBA one and hold a training event for our own ZBA members here at the hall. Motion by Eggle to purchase this internet based MTA ZBA training 3 modules or levels, for \$54 (which is a ½ price sale good in March). Need to clarify if a quorum of ZBA members attends the training, do we need to post as per open meeting act?
- Old Business:**
- Zoning Ord:** Discussion of Zoning Ordinance. We have figured that it needs to be Ordinance No. 12. Bolduc proposed re using some language from the past ordinance for a repeal and replace. Nemish was not sure that we would need to do this. He wanted to check with the Attorney before proceeding.
- Area Fire Radio:** Waiting for the snow to melt.
- Risk Mitigation:** Reviewed power point slides. We are moving forward in several areas and have yet to fully address others.
- Marihuana:** Per information shared with Twp officials from news publications reporting on happenings in downstate twps it seems that some twps who have adopted opt out policies have had end runs made around their policies to place growing establishments in the twp and find loop holes around the opt out language. We need to be on our toes and watch what is happening around the State as other areas deal with this issue and the State formulates their regulations. Hopefully the moratorium we voted in last month will buy us the time we need to be informed as we move forward.

- Tire Collection:** Sherman Twp has several volunteers and we need one more firm commitment for our time slot.
- Road Projects:** Eggle presented information on the plan set up by our Road Committee and contracts for work to be done by the County Road Commission. Review of each, see attached info and copies of power point slides. Nemish would like to see us keep some reserve in the Road Funds in the event that we find we need to chip seal a section of road which got beat up by the winter conditions; furthermore, he would like to see us reduce the stock pile of gravel for the 2020 season from what was presented in the materials and contracts this month.
- Reviewed Brine contract, see attached. We are last on the list of twps for our quadrant, so the purchased brine application will be done first about May and the county provided application done late about August. Motion by Eggle to purchase a brine application, see contract, with Osceola Co. Road Commission for \$13,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- New Business:**
- BOR:** March Board of Review petition hearings have started, yesterday for 6 hours, and continue as planned tomorrow for 6 hours. There has been a higher than normal turn out of tax payers requesting information and presenting their complaints, this is due in part to changes in the codes used for figuring costs of buildings as set forth by the State as well as the re-assessment which was recently completed.
- Budget FY18/19:** Bolduc presented, see attached, a page outlining amendments to the current General Fund budget, FY 2018/2019. This represents Change 4 to this budget. Motion by Nemish to approve the budget changes as presented \$8,089.15 (*this includes \$5,600 to cover the payment to the Voted Millage account of funds received from the Local Community Stabilization Authority*), 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bolduc presented, see attached, a page outlining amendments to the current Voted Millage budget, FY 2018/2019. This represents Change 1 to this budget. Motion by Eggle to approve the budget changes as presented totaling \$16,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Budget season:** Bolduc brought a revision to the previously voted budget for FY 19/20. This represents coverage for the printing of the Tax Change notices. Due to this bill coming once per year, sometimes to be paid in March and sometimes in April, it was inadvertently left off the original budget as voted last month. Motion by Bolduc to amend the previously approved budget for the general fund FY 2019/2020 by adding \$1,300 to the line 209-904 Assessor copy/printing, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.
- Bolduc provided an amended Voted millage budget, see attached. This represents a better understanding of what some of the actual figures might be. Motion Black to approve as amended the Voted Millage budget covering both the Road Funds and the Fire Funds FY 2019/2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:14 PM. There was one comment, and public comment closed at 9:16 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 9:17 PM and move into the Annual Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.