

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 14, 2019

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 8 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** There were no guest presentations this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 9, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$101,965.08, Receipts \$13,871.94, Disbursements \$9,720.08, Ending balance \$106,116.94. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$163. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,178.58, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,183.04. General Fund Total ending balance \$236,199.98. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$131,386.79, Receipts \$15.33, Disbursements \$6,200.27, Ending balance \$125,201.85. Encumbered \$63,360. Motion to accept April report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$5,695.39 from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither commissioner could attend.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns got locked out of his phone which is his main way of checking email which is how the Fire Board meeting minutes are distributed. He will provide a report covering two months at the next meeting.
- Plan Commission:** One permit for a storage building 54x60. Grugal reported getting other inquiries. Still discussing abandoned houses and Marihuana zoning with no decisions. Nemish asked for what direction the Board felt was best for the Verizon Tower proposed construction off 160th Ave. between 20 and 19 Mile Roads. It has been two years since they first got the Special Use permit. The permit was for one year. Last year they asked for and were granted a one year extension. Did the board feel it was better to grant another extension or let this permit expire and request them to make a new application when they are ready to build? Discussion. The decision is up to the PC and the Board will back their decision. Since they asked what we thought, the Board consensus was that it would be better to let this permit expire and have them re-apply for a second permit when they are

ready to build.

Eggle had inquiries personally which he passed on to Grugal.

Parks Comm.:

Grove Hill – nothing specific to report.

Center Lake – Iler was welcomed back from sunny AZ. He reported that the lake was stocked with Rainbow Trout, and as a reporter from the Cadillac News happened to be at the park when this occurred, Center Lake trout stocking was featured in a newspaper article. Restorative Lake Sciences will be doing a survey on May 31 of the aquatic invasive species, how they wintered, and what treatment needs there are for this season. There is a grant which he will apply for which could cover the costs of the DEQ chemical placement permits. The loons are back! He recommends that the current verbal agreement to cost share the treatment of the invasive species become written and signed by all parties.

Road Comm.:

Eggle reviewed this month's Road Committee meeting and emails between various persons. We are number 2 in getting the county paid brine application. He has not heard that the gravel production people have moved in yet nor started production.

Cemetery:

There were two full burials on Friday, May 10, 2019, both of which had minor caving in issues. Kater kept the sod separated but then did not use it to lay back over the grave site. Further communication on what we expect needs to happen. Sticks have been picked up. There are 3 headstone foundation pours pending, and we expect several others in the next few weeks. A Cemetery Ordinance dated November 2008 was found. This is newer than what we had previously found. The Sexton and Clerk will continue to work on this document to bring to the Board for revision approval.

Correspondence:

Bolduc had 4 items and Eggle 2 items. 1) MI Twp PAR Plan annual dividend was received. It was \$108.69 this year, 2) thank you from Tustin Area Library for our annual donation, 3) letter of resignation from Judy Finazzi from the ZBA, 4) engagement letter and list of items to supply from Baird, Cotter & Bishop re: our pending audit, 5) letter from the MI Dept of Treasury to Jason Patterson and David Eggle regarding BS&A software data for our Twp which they are reviewing as part of the AMAR follow-up, and 6) MTA application to attend a class titled "How to Hang on to Your Township's Assessing."

Motion by Eggle to authorize himself and Jason Patterson our assessor to attend the Thursday, June 20, 2019, Cadillac session of the above assessing class, cost per person \$91 if registered early, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Old Business:

Area Fire Radio:

Eggle reported that he had received a phone call from a citizen questioning why we are doing this Fire Dept. Tower project. Bob Rose, Tustin Area Fire Dept. (TAFD) Chief, was in attendance and explained why this tower is needed and how it will help the department serve the community. He further explained its size, placement, and how they are erecting it. That it will be behind the tall pine trees which are by the parking lot, be placed beside the garage, and be in some ways similar to a TV antenna tower which a citizen might place near their home but built with way more strength and anticlimbing safety measures. Eggle allowed for public comment at this time and there were two comments. The Board discussed and reviewed the presented site plan as well as the TAFD proof of insurance which will cover all things related to this tower and radio system. Eggle recommended that we have a formal cooperative agreement signed by both boards, or representatives of the board, and that we have an attorney draft the

document. Johns will present this need to the TAFD at their meeting tomorrow evening and Eggle will call our attorney if TAFD Board is a go with the agreement.

- Risk Mitigation:** Reviewed power point slides. We have not moved forward much. Nemish will be coordinating the water test soon, and the Sexton continues with the Cemetery Ordinance update.
- Marihuana:** Nothing at this time. We have about 10 months remaining on our moratorium.
- Tire Collection:** Sherman Twp's time to provide volunteers is Thursday, May 30th from 7:30 to 9 AM. Citizens can drop off at any of the open times, see printout of power point slide.
- Audit:** Audit set to start at 8:30 AM Monday, May 20, here at the Township Hall. Bolduc and Black are getting their records ready as requested, and it's going well. Eggle said he would be happy to help if we need something.
- ZBA Vacant Seat:** The Board accepted the resignation of Judy Finazzi. Eggle has done some research and talked with some people. Eggle nominates Joshwa Salisbury for the open seat on the ZBA, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Training session using video materials from MTA is schedule with ZBA members for Thursday, May 23, 2019, from 6-9 PM. Eggle will facilitate the township providing Pizza and soda for their supper. Bolduc will come at the beginning to swear in the new members.
- 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.
- New Business:**
- AMAR Letter:** Eggle explained what was needed by the State as outlined in a recent letter, see attached, concerning our AMAR results from last year as a corrective action plan. This concerns them checking our tax software. Things are going well.
- OCTA:** Peggy Hoard from Middle Branch Twp sent an email to many Osceola Co. Twp officers regarding the "Osceola County Township Association" upcoming meeting where a decision will be made concerning its future. The meeting is Monday, May 20th, in the evening. Eggle indicated that he had not received the email and asked Bolduc to forward it to him. He further indicated that he would attend this meeting if possible.
- 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 8:23 PM. There were three comments, and public comment closed at 8:29 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 8:29 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.