

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

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were no comments and comments closed.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on October 8, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- The minutes from the public hearing held on October 8, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for October was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$94,944.64, Receipts \$1,977.23, Disbursements \$11,259.46, Ending balance \$85,662.41. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,703.14, Receipts \$141.04, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,844.18. General Fund Total ending balance \$216,506.59. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$26,974.25, Receipts \$10.85, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$26,985.10. Encumbered \$0. Motion to accept October as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,949.22 from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and had information to share with us regarding the BOC. The Co. is putting \$2,500 into the annual HAZMAT clean-up day for 2020. Internet was install in the Marion Council on Aging building so that staff and seniors can access the internet there. The BOC is reviewing the Road Commission and what their options are. They are also looking for feed back from townships. Questioning going back to RC being appointed not election members is another point that is being reviewed. Someone said it is an enquiry searching for a problem. Eggle asked each Board member what their thoughts were on the RC appointed vs. elected. We each had time to give our thoughts, so that Gregory can take that info back to the BOC.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns presented the October Fire Board report, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** There was no November meeting due to the Election conflict.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Bolduc received a letter from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. regarding our relationship with them next year. She thinks this might be a piece of the grant puzzle which didn't get put into place last year. (Copy is NOT attached.)
- Road Comm.:** Eggle reported on the Road Committee Meeting. He reviewed a power point slide of potential projects identified by the committee as areas of work for 2020. There is a new North garage foreman (Brett Daily), and he and Luke Houlton manager have been invited to the December committee meeting. Note date change to Thursday, December 5th to accommodate the County personnel's availability. We are planning to put the millage up for renewal in 2020. They hope to have a final plan for our approval at our December meeting.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc reviewed cemetery issues. Kater dug one full burial. There were some issues the vault staff person had with our hole. It was a difficult dig due to a tree which had been growing at the South/East corner of the plot, but the vault company has complained more than once that our holes are too deep at 6 foot! Eggle & Bolduc are going to try and facilitate a meeting of themselves with Kater rep and vault company rep and our sexton if we have one at that time to see if we can figure this out! Keith Calkins has been assisted since July by his brother J. Fred Calkins. If Keith gives up being sexton, he thinks his brother would make a good next sexton. We have December - March when the Cemetery is closed for winter. Anything that comes up during that time will be handled by the Clerk.
- Correspondence:** Eggle had two and Bolduc had two items. 1) two letters from the Dept of Natural Resources regarding a Natural River permit on the Pine River dated October 8, and November 4, 2019 respectively which includes notice of the permit request and public hearing on such, 2) a letter from the Dept of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs regarding a survey on the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act. 3) the aforementioned contractual letter from and with PLM Lakes and Land Management.
- Old Business:**
- Area Fire Radio:** The Twp's part is completed. Cold weather has set in and the TAFD didn't think they could get the hole bored before spring since frost has come.
- Risk Mitigation:** Reviewed slides; nothing new.
- Fireworks Ord.:** Eggle connected with Tim Welkers acting director of the C.L. Bible Camp and discussed fireworks with a request that should they plan any next summer if they would be so kind as to let the C. L. Neighbors know in advance. Eggle directed that for now this issue is as resolved as we can reasonably get. We will revisit if necessary.
- Records Retention:** Bolduc reviewed election related items and removed what we no longer needed to retain per applicable retention schedules. Bolduc and her deputy also are in the process of removing the MI compiled statute books from the records room in the basement. We are not required to maintain them and in fact have not updated them since the late '80s or early '90s.
- Trash:** Nemish is calling WM to cancel service. We will revisit this next spring when we decide which carrier to set up an account with.

- Open Seats:** Eggle is still searching for someone to serve on the RC. It is hard to find people willing to serve.
- Flag Duty:** Last month we voted to compensate for this duty and designated Loretta Slocum with carrying this duty out. Since then, Don Akers has expressed an interest in returning to seeing to the flag being at full or half staff as directed by the State and Federal Governments. Since we have not changed our vote, how should we proceed? Discussion. Eggle will speak with Akers and let him know that it has become a paid position. Does he want to share the job with Slocum?
- New Business:**
- BOR Nomination:** Eggle nominated Julie Peterson for the open seat on the Board of Review, 2nd Bolduc, motion carried.
- Nov. 5 Election:** Bolduc, since coming to work on elections under former clerk Gloria Langworthy in 2010, has never seen a slower, lower turnout, election. Of 713 possible voters, 85 people voted - 38 absentee and 49 in person which included the workers and spouses of workers. The election workers were happy to train two new people and discuss strategies for the 2020 presidential cycle. There are three elections in 2020, March 10 Presidential Primary, August regular primary, and November general.
- Computers:** Discussion of moving Township computers to Win 10 operating system since the previous system will become unsupported in January 2020. Board consensus is to move forward and do what is needed.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates including the Board of Review on December 10th, 2019, at 9 AM. Tax statements sent out on or before December 1, 2019. Question if we want to do a newsletter or not? Consensus that we don't have enough info or time. March Board of Review dates flank the Presidential Primary date which should be our monthly meeting day. Bolduc suggests that we have one meeting in March to cover our monthly, annual budget hearing, and annual meeting and do it on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. That date will provide sufficient time for the Clerk and Treasure to be prepared.
- Announcements:** Mention that the State database has us listed as having **an opt out** Marihuana ordinance.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:36 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 8:36 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Johns to adjourn at 8:36 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.