

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 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 7:01 PM. There were no comments and comments closed.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on September 10, 2019 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for September was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$97,462.84, Receipts \$338.31, Disbursements \$9,579.77, Ending balance \$88,221.38. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,694.22, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,698.68. General Fund Total ending balance \$218,920.06.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$128,801.44, Receipts \$16.40, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$128,817.84. Encumbered \$63,360.
Motion to accept September as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,649.13 from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and had information to share with us regarding the BOC. Court House nearly ready for the metal detector machinery to be installed. BOC is working on revising and updating policies and procedures some of which date back to 1987. COA (council on aging) updating the meal prep kitchen which is at their Tustin facility.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns did not have the report, so he will provide it next month.
- Plan Commission:** There were no Zoning Permits issued. The November meeting is canceled due to the hall being used for the election on the same evening.
- Eggle asked the county prosecutor about blight, and he indicated that there was one incident last year which was reviewed. Blight is an issue, but no specific county ordinances which cover this topic. It was recommended that the township adopt the rules of the Health Dept. For our ordinance. Commissioner Nehmer advised us that there is a blight ordinance covering the Village of Marion which we might review. Eggle still planning to contact MTA for information.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Bolduc emailed statements and copies of the invoices from PLM and RLS to Kettunen Center, C.L. Perseveration Association, and C.L. Bible Camp on 10/7/19.

Road Comm.: Eggle reported on the Road Committee Meeting. They are starting to work on a project list for 2020 work season. They want to get recommendations to the Board as quickly as possible so we can review and vote on them. Interesting things happening in the relationship between the Co. Board of Commissioners and the Road Commission. Eggle attended a meeting on Sept. 19 with representatives from both bodies. The State mandated allowable time for BOC to take over RC duties sunsets in January 2020. Stay tuned. It may turn into nothing it may not.

Cemetery: Bolduc reviewed cemetery issues. It was a busy month. Fred Calkins has been acting Sexton under the direction of Keith Calkins (Keith has been working downstate this school year) along with help from Ruth Calkins. There were two cremation burials and one full burial along with the pouring of one headstone foundation.

Correspondence: Eggle had one letter from the County Treasurer which covered a letter from the State, see attached.

Old Business:

Area Fire Radio: No update.

Risk Mitigation: Minor updates and reviewed slides.

Marihuana: Public Hearing held prior to the Board meeting this evening was attended by the Board, the spouse of one board member, and Jack Nehmer arrived early for his presentation during the Board meeting portion. There were NO public comments made during the hearing. The Board reviewed Ordinance number 13 regulating the health, safety, welfare of the township prohibiting marihuana establishments within the boundaries of Sherman Township. Motion made by Eggle, 2nd by Johns to adopt the above mentioned ordinance, see attached for exact verbiage. Roll Call vote was unanimous, 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstaining. The ordinance is adopted and effective following the publication of an abstract etc. on October 15, 2019.

Fireworks Ord.: Eggle connected with Roy Kissenger from Rose Lake twp and they have nothing in place covering this issue. Nemish doesn't feel it warrants anything further on the Board's part at this time. Eggle will seek to speak with the new Center Lake Bible Camp Director and ask them to communicate with the lake residents more fully on this should they plan to display any fireworks next summer.

Records Retention: Eggle and Bolduc hoping to work on this project late fall/winter.

Trash: Plan is to cancel service with Waste Management in November and start up service in the Spring with a new carrier.

Nov. Election: The new computer is ready for use as the e-pollbook.

Open Seats: Eggle asked if we had suggestions for people to serve on the RC & or BOR. He has spoken with several people, but has not found anyone willing to serve.

New Business:

Flag Duty:

Through previous correspondence Akers indicated that he didn't want to provide the Twp anymore "freebies" and that he wished to step down from doing the flag. Bolduc has found someone else who lives close who is willing to do the flag duties. Motion by Eggle to add to our fee schedule a payment to the Flag Attendant of \$30 per month paid through payroll, 2nd Black, motion passed. At this time deputy clerk, Loretta Slocum, is designated with flag duties.

Snow Removal:

See proposal from Kater Lawn and Snow. John from Kater came and spoke with the Board reviewing the ins and outs of the proposal for snow removal and mentioned locking in lawn care for 3 years at the same prices as last summer. Discussion. See attached proposal page. Other info: November 1 - April 15 any snow 3 inches or more – per plow \$40 & \$70 salting. Seasonal rate \$800 with salt every time \$1,600 (= 20 pushes). Moving snow banks \$110 per hour.

Reviewed another proposal which was not as inclusive of work done from Pine River Lawn Care at \$40 per push. Nothing mentioned about salt or hand work around the doors, etc.

Eggle motioned to accept the Kater proposal for the seasonal service rate of \$1,600 for snow and salting, INCLUDING hand work on the sidewalks to doors as needed, 2nd Black, give Bolduc authority to sign an amended contract (addition of the handwork around the sidewalks), motion carried.

Will discuss grass mowing at another time.

Library Services:

Bolduc reported that recently the Cadillac Wexford Public Library Board has voted to charge people who do not live in Wexford Co a per account (library card) fee up to \$75 (she has heard two different numbers \$25 and \$75). Bolduc spoke with the Tustin Library personnel, and they have not received info directly from Cadillac Library yet even though they are a partner library with Cadillac AND the penal fines for Burdell, Village of Tustin and Sherman (at least these but there maybe other twps included) are being paid toward the Cadillac Wexford Public Library. Bolduc will continue to investigate and report any new developments. We may want to take steps in the upcoming budget year to create a more formal relationship with either Tustin or Cadillac Libraries to insure services remain available to our citizens.

Nov. 5 Election:

The Board went into an Election Commission meeting. Bolduc nominated for Election Inspectors: herself, Bethany Bolduc (Rep) for Chair, Loretta Slocum (Dem), Elna Sherman (Rep), Cheryl Worst (Dem), and workers in training to observe Julie Peterson (Dem) and J. Fred Calkins (Rep) , 2nd Black, motion carried.

Set the Public Test for Monday, October 28, 2019, at 10 AM. Bolduc will do the ballot marking and run the preliminary testing prior to this date on her own. Note that some township, even for our simple one question ballot, are contracting with Election Source to mark the ballots and conduct both the preliminary and Public Testings.

End of the Election Commission section of the meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

Reviewed slide of upcoming dates including the Board of Review on December 10th, 2019, at 9 AM.

- Announcements:** Bolduc noted that both Loretta Slocum, J. Fred Calkins and herself are working on the back landscaping project and will be removing some overgrown bush/trees as well and working over the rock section along the sidewalk pay to be at the hourly rate as listed on the fee schedule for such type of labor.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:34 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 8:43 PM. Including mention that the village of Marion has a Blight ordinance and does write tickets for infractions of such. Eggle requested Pete to bring this topic to the PC.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Black to adjourn at 8:43 PM, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.