

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020
Held on the Zoom Internet platform.

- Members Present:** Sharon Black (zoom from home), Bethany Bolduc (zoom at hall), David Eggle (zoom from home), Dave Johns (zoom from hall), Pete Nemish (zoom from home).
- Guests:** 1 person Twp Sexton and brother to the Clerk at the hall on Zoom.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer and the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There were no comments and comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on March 24, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Nemish 2nd Black. Passed.
- The minutes from the special meeting after the annual meeting on March 24, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Black 2nd Eggle. Passed
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for March was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$108,542.74, Receipts \$29,057.53, Disbursements \$16,623.08, Ending balance \$120,977.90. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,861.90, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,861.90. General Fund Total ending balance \$251,839.09.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$22,662.90, Receipts \$131,076.24, Disbursements \$65,538.12, Ending balance \$88,201.02. Encumbered \$62,625.
Motion to accept the March report as presented, Nemish, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$6,247.78 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Nemish, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended, and the last scheduled BOC meeting was canceled.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reported that the Fire Board canceled their in-person meeting and voted to pay the bills on email after a list was provided.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported no April meeting due to Covid-19, one permit for a deck, and they are still looking for a PC secretary.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Nothing to report.

- Road Comm.:** No meeting due to Covid-19. Summer projects for 2020 are already set per prior discussions and votes.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc and Calkins brought up ground penetrating radar for double checking the reclaimed plots prior to making them available for resale. Request from the Board for more information including cost estimates. Will re-visit at the May meeting. Reviewed information from Mark Meyer regarding his proposal to cut the Cemetery grass and trim around the graves. Feeling of the Board is to wait until the May meeting to see what constraints the Governor's office puts on landscaping type businesses moving forward.
- Correspondence:** Request from Doug deVries our ZBA chairman to attend a ZBA training put on by MTA for \$94 training provided it is not canceled due to Covid-19. He would also like the book for \$72. Eggle moved to send Doug and spend the requested funds not to exceed \$175 for the book and training. 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Old Business:**
- Area Fire Radio:** No update.
- Risk Mitigation:** The cemetery ordinance should be ready for us to review and vote on it at the May meeting. It is currently being reviewed by our legal council Cindy Wotilla.
- Records Retention:** No updates.
- Open Seats:** No update.
- Hall Internet:** Nothing further at this time.
- Twp Clean-up:** Eggle reported that he spoke with Roy Kissenger the Rose Lake Supervisor about this. Rose Lake Twp has a clean-up day and usually spends around \$3,500 for this service. They are considering discontinuing it due to the cost. Nemish as he was getting pricing from potential garbage service companies found that Fair Salvage from Clare does Twp clean-up days with 40 yard containers for \$640 each. For a twp our size they would recommend 2 containers. Suggest we keep this item on the agenda and review the possibility.
- Election 2020:** May Election in Sherman canceled. No changes to the filing deadlines, April 21, at 4 PM for persons to run for township office.
- Cem. Lawn Care:** Reviewed during cemetery update.
- Gravel update:** Luke Houlton provided Eggle with information on the gravel bids that they were able to secure this season. It came in 20 cents higher then estimated per yard. We discussed keeping our dollar amount and reducing the number of yards or keeping our number of yards and increasing our costs. Eggle recommends that we spend the extra money and get the same number of yards as previously decided on. Eggle motion to authorize increase contract dollar amount and be authorised to make this amendment to the contract with Osceola County Road Commission, 2nd Black. Passed.
We also reviewed and confirmed the coverage map as provided by Houlton based on our previous conversations with him.

- Garbage Service:** Nemish reported on his quest to find reasonable garbage service for the Township. He checked with Fair Salvage but they don't deal with anything less than 10 yard dumpsters which is much larger than we need. We will keep them in mind for a possible township clean-up day as they had a good rate and system on that. He checked with American Waste out of Kaskaska. They were considerably higher now than when he had received info from them early last fall a 2 yard container dumped every other week for \$90. Nemish was finally able to connect with Independent Rural Waste out of Reed City. He spoke with the manager/co-owner. There would be no contracts or durations. 2 yard container dumped every other week \$48. They have lots of local and community contacts. Johns and Bolduc both reported positive experience with them. Recommendation is to go with Independent Rural Waste. Nemish moved to set up garbage service with Independent Rural Waste to begin by the first week of May, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- New Business:** None.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. All meetings scheduled are tentative pending the State and Federal stay home guidelines for protecting against the spread of Covid-19 are lifted.
- Announcements:** All board members are planning on running for their respective seat in the upcoming August and November elections.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 7:52 PM. There were two board comments, and public comment closed at 7:54 PM.
- Adjourn:** Nemish motioned to adjourn at 7:54 PM, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.