

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** Dave Johns.
- Guests:** 2 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer and the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were two comments and public comment closed at 7:05 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on July 14, 2020 were reviewed. Typos noted. Motion to approve minutes as amended Nemish 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for July was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$121,405.82, Receipts \$9,737.29, Disbursements \$10,546.33, Ending balance \$120,596.78. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,383.04, Receipts \$272.04, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,655.08. General Fund Total ending balance \$252,251.86. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$93,971.13, Receipts \$197.61, Disbursements \$9,754.34, Ending balance \$84,414.40. Encumbered \$54,375. Motion to accept the July report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,053.02 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended, but Eggle received a phone call and verbal update from Nehmer. County is holding BOC meetings in accordance with Governor's guidelines. Veterans organization can provide voucher for use at Meijer for food and personal items.
- Fire Board Report:** A. M. Black gave update in absence of Johns. Fire Board requesting amount of our legal fees for contract on the fire tower project which they will reimburse us for. Bolduc wished to know how much documentation they required.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the August meeting. Public Hearing was held and the special use permit was reviewed. Pia S. attended and presented. Permit tentatively approved. Bolduc noted that there was an error published by the newspaper even though she pointed it out to them several days before the notice came out. Bolduc will work with PC Secretary and legal counsel to determine what steps to take to finalize this permit. Two other general permits reported. Verizon tower is up but some aspects of installation

are delayed due to Covid-19. Eggle talked with 2 people about being on PC, but both were too busy to get involved.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Round-about has been worked on. Light pole by launch fixed. Discussion garbage attendant pay and whom. Motion by Bolduc to compensate the Sherman Twp Park Attendant at \$10 per hour plus milage at the current Twp rate number of trips to/from park to hall not from attendant’s home. Bolduc to make a payroll time sheet chart. 2nd Eggle, motion carried. Motion by Eggle to offer Alex Deibert Park Attendant position, 2nd Black, motion carried. Eggle will speak with him and connect him with needed info.
- Road Comm.:** Met and reviewed projects done and gravel production still pending. Received invoice for ½ payment on chip seal which has been paid by clerk/treasurer. Brine discussed. Cost would be \$18-19,000. Currently not needed. Discuss again next month.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc and Calkins reported. Issue with F 42. It is one of a lot of 12 plots not the usual 8, so there were set-up issues in the computer software program we currently use. Mistakes have been made on the ground in the cemetery because of this software issue. Bolduc will see what other software options might be better and reasonably priced.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc reported receiving the following: 1) MTA membership letter.
- Old Business:**
- Area Fire Radio:** Nothing to report. Leave on agenda until we receive reimbursement for legal fees.
- Risk Mitigation:** No update on Keys. Discussion and review of new cemetery ordinance, see below.
- Records Retention:** Bolduc has streamlined 1 cabinet in the office.
- Open Seats:** Eggle is still looking for willing candidates for both the Road Comm. and the Planning Commission. Pete connected with Dale G.
- Hall Internet:** Eggle received info from Casair that they might be able to help us. Pete mentioned “Your tek/pros” Jeremiah Lewis 231-577-6647 as another possible company to provide service.
- Election 2020:** Bolduc reviewed Primary Election from last week. Great team working well together. Had 4 change of address or same day registrations. Looking forward to November.
- Cem. Grd Radar:** Calkins reviewed quote and info. Would need to provide proof of Ins. Discussion of new part and survey, trees, do we have a severability clause in the ordinance proposal? Suggested that ordinance wording be changed for veteran’s flags to be removed earlier than “into fall” as American Legion recommends removal of flags as soon after Memorial Day as practical.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Bolduc reviewed the research memo provided by Cindy Wotilla our lawyer ref penalty language as requested. Eggle questioned length of document as compared with other area cemetery ordinances. Bolduc indicated that she had used 3 sources: our old ordinance, MTA sample ordinance, and sample provided by our insurance the MI Par Plan pulled together as her template. Discussion and editing will continue. We are not

on a deadline except of our own making.

Center Lake: Bolduc still needs to write and send Milfoil letter to Center Lake Partners.

New Business:

Road Brine: Discussion 2nd application of brine paid for by the Twp. Tabled.

Park Attendant: See earlier in meeting.

FOIA: Bolduc received by email a request from True the Vote, TX, for information related to elections. Much of requested info is either available on State election websites, provided to the twp's by BOE, or electronic items which are now in County possession. Bolduc is working with our lawyer to correctly reply.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. All meetings scheduled are tentative pending the State and Federal Covid-19 guidelines.

Announcements: Eggle has been asked by the county to be on a Re-Start Loans Committee here in Osceola Co. There are 4 to 5 others and the meetings are via Zoom. October HAZMAT clean-up day to be held 2nd Saturday in October at the Hersey Road Garage.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:16 PM. There was one comment, request for the ambiguous handicapped parking indication sign on the road which seems to indicate a driveway where there is none to be removed. Public comment closed at 9:16 PM.

Adjourn: Nemish motioned to adjourn at 9:19 PM, 2nd Eggle. Passed.