

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM**

**Members at Hall:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, and Dave Johns.

**Members Remote:** David Eggle and Pete Nemish.

**Guests:** 1 citizen at Hall, 0 online.

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Eggle with prayer and the Pledge.

**Public Comment:** At this point there was no public attending to make comment.

**Guest Presentation:** None this month.

**Policy for Electronic meetings:**

A policy as provided by our attorney, Cindy Wotila, was reviewed. Motion by Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black, to adopt this policy which covers current State rules for conducting meetings of the public body using an electronic platform. Votes – 4 yes, 1 no. Passed.

**Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on November 10, 2020, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Black 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for November was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$130,249.37, Receipts \$1,259.46, Disbursements \$12,412.29, Ending balance \$119,096.54. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,662.48, Receipts \$1.49, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,663.97. General Fund Total ending balance \$250,760.51.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$33,143.77, Receipts \$2.80, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$33,146.57. Encumbered \$0.

Motion to accept the November report as presented, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,929 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**Suspend Services:** Discussion to drop the Park Port-a-Toilet to 1 unit until April/May and hold garbage until March. Nemish and Bolduc to make calls.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended.

**Fire Board Report:** November Fire Board minutes were reviewed by Johns, see attached.

**Plan Commission:** There was no December PC meeting due to the latest Covid guidance /orders. Question

for PC about garbage on the road near corner of 22 Mile and 170<sup>th</sup> Ave.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Waiting on spring.  
**Center Lake** – Waiting on spring.
- Road Comm.:** Meeting held by conference call. Recommendation is an item under new business.
- Cemetery:** Nothing to report.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc reported a couple of business contacts sent the Twp Christmas cards.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Bolduc and Eggle met with a PAR plan representative to do our Risk Limiting Audit. Verbal report given by Bolduc. There is an email available with PAR Plan’s detailed report. There are a couple of new items to add to the chart we show each month, and we will continue to work on this list during future meetings.
- Records Retention:** Nothing to add this month.
- Open Seat:** Eggle is still working several names.
- Cem. Grd Radar:** On hold until spring.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Center Lake:** On hold until spring.
- Hall Internet:** JetPak arrived and is in use tonight!
- New Business:**
- BOR Positions:** Eggle nominated Don Akers to be a Board of Review Alternate. His term will be same as other members December 2020 through December 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Assessor:** Eggle provided a document, “Osceola Co. Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor”, see attached, and described the issues surrounding it. He also called MTA with questions and reported such with answers. State Legislature is pushing this as a means to provide a fail safe for standardized property assessing across the state. The terms in the document would only be set in motion IF our township employee assessor failed and the township THEN failed an AMAR review AND then failed to take the mitigation and repair steps as indicated by the AMAR follow-up letter. The prices in this document, \$75 per parcel, were set by Osceola Co. Equalization Dept. Moved by Bolduc to agree to the terms in this document, sign, and join, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Snow Removal:** Bolduc re-provided the bid from Kater Lawn and Snow. Discussion. Moved by Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish, to contract with Kater Lawn and Snow for seasonal snow removal at a rate of \$1,875 with no salt. Salt would have to be requested per application at an additional \$40 per. Passed. Bolduc will communicate with Kater.
- Road Plan 2021:** Eggle initiated discussion of the 2021 Road Committee recommendations. The bulk of our fund will be spent on purchase of gravel with reserve kept in case there is a section

which needs chipseal or additional brine is needed. Motion by Bolduc to approved an amended gravel contract (not to exceed) \$65,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Zoom dropped the meeting after 40 minutes. The meeting switched to a conference call. Hall participants were using one phone, so anyone attending in person also could hear. Everyone on the zoom part also participated in the conference call.**

**Budget changes FY20/21:**

Bolduc presented and explained, see attached, budget changes for the current Fiscal Year. Motion by Eggle to accept changes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**Announcements:** No announcements and nothing Miscellaneous to review.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** None - once again there was no one from the public at this time to make a comment. The one visitor had left the hall by this point in the meeting.

**Adjourn:** Nemish motioned to adjourn at 7:53 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.