

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 6 people.
- 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 7:02 PM. There was one comment and comments closed at 7:02 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on January 14, 2020 were reviewed. Amend p. 3 "election's would be" to "election's COST would be". And p. 2 advertize to advertise Motion to approve minutes as amended Eggle 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for January was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$103,510.68, Receipts \$1,355.24, Disbursements \$9,482.62, Ending balance \$95,383.30. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,852.97, Receipts \$4.47, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,857.44. General Fund Total ending balance \$226,240.74.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$26,656.85, Receipts \$3.18, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$22,660.03. Encumbered \$ as yet to be determined following vote in December on road projects.
Motion to accept the January as presented, Nemish, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,384.27 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and reported on the BOC business. He was re-elected BOC Chair for 2020. There was a large group of people who came out to the last BOC meeting representing People for the 2nd Amendment. They were interested in the passing of a resolution making our Co. a sanctuary county and for us to uphold the constitution. COA has been making and serving meals at Meadow View Apts. They will be moving where the meals are prepared. The Co. purchased an empty church where the meals will be made. Meals will continue to be served at the apts for residents there.
- ** Letter was mentioned from the Sheriff and he later arrived at the meeting. He was given a few minutes to speak and answer questions, etc. He hopes to make it to the twps quarterly.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns read the January Fire Board report. The FB Annual meeting, 7PM, will be directly after an early March regular meeting, 6PM.

Plan Commission: Nemish reported that the upcoming Verizon tower conditions have been met so construction to happen soon. Tasha Lapinsky has returned to Secretary for the interim.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Bolduc to follow through on the PLM grant process.

Road Comm.: County Comm. sent letters to all the Twps regarding the special annual time when we are invited to come for half an hour to discuss and ask questions, see attached. We are moving forward with the projects as previously voted.

Cemetery: Bolduc reviewed meeting between Twp, Kater, and the vault company. Apparently there are at least two vault companies, so we are dealing with different types of complaints one from each company. The Sexton was in attendance and mentioned being hopeful that this summer the ground penetrating radar work can be done as well as working on re-laying out the new east section. Bolduc is holding off opening up the reclaimed plots for resale until we have confirmed with the radar project that all is good to go.

Correspondence: Bolduc had two items. 1) Website, request for payment and info on hits from last year, and 2) HAZMAT flier and request for us to join for this coming October's clean-up day. Discussion amount to donate. Decision to remain at \$300. Filed with contracts is the sign agreement with PLM for invasive species work on Center Lake, and from Eggle information about a charity golf tournament.

Old Business:

Area Fire Radio: TAFD still waiting for warmer weather.

Risk Mitigation: We are getting quotes for some new tables and chairs which will be lighter and some dollies upon which to keep them or move them to clear the ramp which meets one of our Risk Mitigation goals.

Records Retention: On going. Bolduc has been reviewing some of the election requirements and hopes to pull a few things when she is working at the hall over the election cycle.

Open Seats: Eggle is still searching for someone to serve on the RC and is now also searching for someone to fill the new PC vacancy. We have not had a alternate for the BOR for a few months. Eggle reported that Ken Neuman had surgery. He is expected to be able to work the BOR, but just in case Eggle brings to the board in nomination Don Akers as BOR Alternate, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Millage 2020: Bolduc had copies which were briefly touched on. Request for Bolduc to write them up as they would need to be in resolution form for our March meeting.

Hall Internet: Nothing further at this time.

Budget FY19/20: Reviewed budget changes number two. Moved by Eggle to make changes as provided by the Clerk totaling \$1,303, 2nd Black. Passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Budget FY 20/21: Bolduc also provided a second draft proposal budget for FY 20/21 which was reviewed. Bolduc has noted that several changes need to be made to the account numbers within

the elements for example elections was 191 it needs to be 262 and there are separate numbers for electric and propane. Bolduc will prepare the new numbers and consult with Baird, Cotter, and Bishop and will send out to the Board members a new budget by email with the new account numbers. Bolduc will be sure that each area has the same funds and that the bottom line is the same. Bolduc had prepared a Voted Millage budget but forgot to hand it around. It will be emailed.

State Seal: Eggle ordered the seals, and an in process email was sent to Bolduc and Eggle. It came in under budget! They are shipped, and we are waiting delivery. Eggle will donate a State flag to add to our American flag.

Election 2020: Bolduc called a sub meeting of the Election Commission to nominate and vote on the names of those working during the March 10, Presidential Primary Election. Names presented are Bolduc, deputy Clerk, Loretta Slocum, Elna Sherman, Cheryl Worst, Julie Peterson, and J. Fred Calkins with back up by Sherry Black and Keith Calkins, moved by Eggle to accept these names, 2ndBlack. Passed. Additional information that Pine River School is placing an item on a special May ballot. That election will be Tuesday, May 5, 2020. It is would be 100% reimbursed by the school district. Meeting dissolved back into the full board and the regular meeting continued.

New Business:

BOR Resolution: Two resolution pertaining to BOR operations were presented. Resolution 20200211-A offered by Eggle to allow property owners to submit their protest in writing or telephonically including phone call, text message, fax, or email or to send a personal representative, 2nd Nemish. Roll Call Vote. 5 Yes 0 No. Passed.
Resolution 20200211-B offered by Eggle to adopt Poverty Exemption income guidelines and asset test, see attached, along with the current year Federal poverty figures, 2nd Bolduc. Roll Call Vote. 5 Yes 0 No. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates.

Announcements: We need to review cemetery lawn mowing and decide next month for sure. OCTA meeting on Monday, February 24, 2020. BOC meeting moved to Wednesday, February 19. Discussed election. Nehmer not planning to run again. BOC are 2 year terms.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:35 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 8:38 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Johns to adjourn at 8:43 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.