

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 14, 2020

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Eggle with prayer and the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:05 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 7:08 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on June 9, 2020 were reviewed. Noted that Doug DeVries' name mis-spelled in New Business, correction made. Motion to approve minutes as amended Eggle 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$116,349.09, Receipts \$17,898.93, Disbursements \$12,842.20, Ending balance \$121,405.82. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,378.57, Receipts \$4.47, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,383.04. General Fund Total ending balance \$252,788.86.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$93,963.18, Receipts \$7.95, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$93,971.13. Encumbered \$64,125.
Motion to accept the June report as presented, Nemish, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Reviewed letter from Co. Treasurer reference tax sale of property owned by A. and T. Peters. Black recommends waving Twp right to purchase. Motion by Nemish to wave Twp rights to purchase, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,175.75 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed. Discussion of sending a letter to Center Lake partners CLBC and Ket Center to see if they could help with the milfoil treatments this summer. Bolduc will work on the letter as time allows. She is very busy with election duties until after August 4.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended, but Eggle received a phone call and verbal update from Gregory. The Co. Is pursuing grants from CARES funds for EMT/Emergency, etc.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns read the Fire Board minutes, see attached. Mention made of Fire Tower & Radio. Bolduc received a letter from Margaret McCreery with a request for info on Twp expenditures for legal fees for the contract which the letter also indicated they wish to be released from. They will reimburse the Twp for those legal fees. Letter included a thank you to Don Akers for his outstanding help and work on this project. He also received a

personal thank you.

- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the July meeting. Several permits for a deck and some garages. Also, the pending special use permit which was mentioned last month will be up for hearing at the next PC meeting. The next PC meeting has been moved to accommodate the Election use of the Twp hall. That meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 7 PM. Lapinski is working on the notification letters and newspaper publication.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Milfoil treatment application was made. The round-about at the park is in need of some “TLC” weeding any maybe topsoil. Report that the beach area is almost nonexistent. Eggle will look into possibly some new beach sand, and what needs to be done at the round-about.
- Road Comm.:** Had their first meeting since the Covid-19 stay home/shut down. Luke Houlton send email to provide update. Some equipment moved into the gravel pit possible production in a week to 10 days. Our stock pile of gravel has been spread. 130th Ave. to Hwy 115 via 135th Ave. and 23 Mile should be working on this week or early next.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc and Calkins did not have much to report. See below for Radar and Ordinance.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc reported receiving the following: 1) Marion school form L-4029, and 2) Annual insurance information with Peterson McGregor workman’s comp (not attached in minute book).
- Old Business:**
- Area Fire Radio:** Covered during Fire Board report.
- Risk Mitigation:** Discussion and review of new cemetery ordinance. Bolduc added some penalty language for the scattering or personal burial of cremains. Eggle requested that the civil infraction language be double checked with our lawyer prior to voting on the document.
- Records Retention:** No update.
- Open Seats:** Eggle is still looking for willing candidates for both the Road Comm. and the Planning Commission.
- Hall Internet:** Nothing further at this time.
- Election 2020:** Bolduc called to order at 8:17 PM a meeting of the Sherman Township Election Commission and nominated Deputy Clerk, Loretta Slocum self listed as representing the Dem party to be the Election Chair. Further Bolduc nominated the following Election Inspectors; J. Fred Calkins self listed as Libertarian party, Julie Peterson and Cheryl Worst self listed as Dem party, Keith Calkins and Elna Sherman self listed as Rep party. 2nd Eggle. Motion carried. Bolduc closed the meeting of the Election Commission at 8:19 PM.
Bolduc presented info on the signs she wishes to purchase from KelGraphics. Total cost to be \$469.96. Motion to approve signs as presented Black, 2nd Johns. Passed.
Public Accuracy Test set for Thursday, July 30, 2020, at 10 AM. Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk or their representatives required to attend.
- Twp Clean-up:** Per request last meeting the Health Dept was contacted to see what they recommend in this type of situation given the current pandemic. Few other municipalities are doing a

clean-up day this year. Clam Lake has canceled for the season. Eggle recommends shelving and re-visiting next year especially since covid-19 resurgence is also an issue. Nemish reported that Fair Salvage business was sold and no longer an option. He is trying to reach Independent Rural Waste (our current garbage service provider) and has not been successful. Nemish also suggesting to take this off the agenda. Idea to check and see if the county dump takes garbage from citizens and if so could the Twp provide a voucher to citizens upon request?

Cem. Grd Radar: Sons of Vets of Civil War Grand Rapids post is closed. Traverse City only does north of the Osceola Co line and suggests Big Rapids. TC did give info on survey company who sold equipment to a company in Kalkaska. Emails sent and a proposal pending. They were supposed to get back to Calkins last week but info has not come yet. This company does have much more reasonable prices for both them doing it and rental, so over all some progress has been made.

Cem. Ordinance: Bolduc reviewed the ordinance as it was changed to reflect the suggestions made by our legal counsel. Bolduc added a section on penalties for self burial or scattering of cremains. Sections 18.1 lists violations of the ordinance as a civil infraction and 18.2 is the further penalties for cremains violations. Recommendation to check with lawyer specifically on those sections if we have the authority to cite and enforce a civil infraction fine.

Center Lake: See earlier mention.

Tire Clean-up: Mention was made that there are additional tire drop off dates July 28/29. Peggy H. Has not asked for our township's support, yet.

New Business:

July BOR: Mention that July BOR is next week. There are 2 P.R.E's and some printing issues to resolve.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. Specifically July 30 Public Accuracy Test and Aug 5 Public Hearing. All meetings scheduled are tentative pending the State and Federal stay home guidelines for protecting against the spread of Covid-19.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:33 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:34 PM.

Adjourn: Black motioned to adjourn at 9:35 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.