

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 24, 2020

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 5 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc and the Pledge. Declaration Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-21 provided by Township Legal Counsel was read which in summary said that this meeting cannot be postponed as the Twp's fiscal year ends March 31, 2020 and the twp is required by law to have a budget in place by the end of its fiscal year, see attached.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:04 PM. There were no comments and comment closed at 7:04 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on February 11, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for February was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$95,383.30, Receipts \$22,987.88, Disbursements \$9,828.44, Ending balance \$108,542.74. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,857.44, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,861.90. General Fund Total ending balance \$239,404.64.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$22,660.03, Receipts \$2.87, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$22,662.90. Encumbered \$ as yet to be determined following vote in December on road projects.
Motion to accept the February report as presented, Eggle, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$8,012.48 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended but Gregory spoke with Eggle by phone prior to the meeting and indicated that the next BOC meeting was canceled due to the State and Federal guidelines and Executive orders.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns read the March and Annual Fire Board reports, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported no permits. Talked about upcoming Verizon tower construction starting shortly. PC has a "clean slate" so spent some time discussing future conversations and things to work on.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.

Center Lake – Nothing to report.

Road Comm.: All project areas are lined up and waiting for spring weather.

Cemetery: Bolduc and Calkins reviewed several items including vaults for cremains. Motion by Bolduc to require vaults for burial of cremains beginning April 1, 2020, 2nd Johns. Passed. The cemetery driving gates are open for the season. Discussion of mowing bid from Kater and lack of bids from other parties. Phone conversation with Mark Meyer who is interested, but didn't have time to put together a proposal. Outline of what it would involve to take mowing back "in house" rather than with a contractor. Board requested more information and a price list on equipment. No decision reached. This will be reviewed at the April meeting.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:
Area Fire Radio: TAFD waiting on auger truck schedule.

Risk Mitigation: Bolduc is moving forward with the cemetery ordinance. It should be ready for the Board to vote on by the May meeting.

Records Retention: Bolduc reviewed several Election related items and pushed that dept a bit.

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. Joshua Salisbury's name was brought up as a possibility for the Road Comm. He is currently on the ZBA. Bolduc thought that MTA has advised the NO ONE on **either** the PC or ZBA can have any other position (except the cross-over one person from Board on PC and one person from PC on ZBA) with the Twp. Eggle will look into this.

Millage 2020: Bolduc and our legal council wrote two resolutions. One is for Fire Protection Millage Ballot Language Resolution number 20200324-A the other is for Road Millage Ballot Language Resolution number 20200324-B, see attached. Both were offered for consideration. Fire Protection millage motion made by Eggle, 2nd Johns, to be for 2 mills renewal question placed on the November 3, 2020, ballot. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed. Road Millage motion made by Black, 2nd Johns, to be for 2 mills renewal question placed on the August 4, 2020, ballot. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed.

Hall Internet: Nothing further at this time.

Election 2020: Based on the stay home stay safe guidance issued by the Governor and limits on numbers of people gathering together the Bureau of Elections with the Governor have mandated that all MI May Elections be conducted absentee to the full extent possible. Along with that decision was the opening of a window of time where entities that had placed questions on the May ballot could withdraw their question. Pine River was the only entity placing anything on our May ballot. They decided to withdraw their millage question. That left us with nothing on our ballot canceling our May Election.

Fee Schedule Rev.: Bolduc presented a revised Sherman Twp Fee Schedule Resolution 20200324. Changes are highlighted on the attached copy. Those changes include addition of the Flag

Attendant pay, Election Day Voter Registration Attendant pay, other edits to sections, changes to the mileage previously voted, separation of the burial digging pay and the burial attendant pay as well as a vote to increase the charges for full burial to \$400 which is up by \$50. Moved to adopt Fee Schedule resolution as presented Nemish, 2nd Johns, roll call 5 yes, 0 no. Passed.

Budget FY19/20: Reviewed budget changes number three. Moved by Black to make changes as provided by the Clerk totaling \$1,408.33, 2nd Johns. Passed 5 yes, 0 no.

Budget FY 20/21: Bolduc handed out the voted millage fund budget. This is a simple in out type budget, so there was not anything to discuss.

Seals & Flags: Both State and Federal seals have been mounted as well as wall mount flags. We now have both the Stars and Stripes as well as a recently donated State flag. Many thanks to Don Akers and the Eggle family for their donations and time to bring about this project.

New Business:

Twp Clean-up ??: Eggle recently spoke with a Twp resident who was interested in the Twp reinstating the Twp Clean-up program. Eggle explained the costs and use of such which were the driving factors for us to give up this program several years ago, but he also promised to bring it to the Board. We discussed. Possibly when we have engaged our new trash service we can find out what they might be able to offer us and discuss it again. As a group the Board likes having the Twp clean, but we don't like the price per citizen statistic.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. Johns reported that the April Fire Board meeting might be canceled and that bills would be listed and presented by email for approval. Eggle moved to cancel both the Road Committee and Planning Commission meetings scheduled for April 6 and 7 respectively, 2nd Black. Passed.

Announcements: Resolution to Delegate Workers Necessary to Conduct Minimum Basic Operations for Sherman Twp number 20200324-C was offered by Nemish, 2nd Johns. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed. This allows for the Clerk, Treasurer, and or Supervisor to conduct minimum operations during the state of emergency until Executive Order 2020-21 is no longer in effect.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:34 PM. There was one comment, and public comment closed at 8:38 PM.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn and move into the Annual Meeting portion by Bolduc at 8:38 PM, 2nd Black. Passed.