

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 4 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Nemish and the Pledge. Eggle shared some Patriot Day 9/11 memories.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:05 PM. There were two comments and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None this month.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on August 11, 2020 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for August was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$120,596.78, Receipts \$2,832.30, Disbursements \$10,869.66, Ending balance \$112,532.42. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,655.08, Receipts \$4.47, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,659.55. General Fund Total ending balance \$244,191.97.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$84,414.40, Receipts \$7.96, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$84,422.36. Encumbered \$54,375.
Motion to accept the August report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,074.55 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended. The BOC is still using a Zoom component for their meetings. The County is still under a state of emergency which allows for potential grant funding and to expedite business. Dan Masey is overseeing some block improvement grants.
- Fire Board Report:** August Fire Board minutes were reviewed by Johns.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the September meeting. Dale Graff has been asked about filling the open seat on the PC and is considering. Tasha Lapinski is ok remaining on the PC, but she would really like to not be secretary. The PC is considering options. Circa 2009 until about 2015 the PC had a hired secretary who was not a voting member of the PC.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing to report.
Center Lake – Alex Deibert is doing good in the position of Park Attendant. Eggle was contacted with a citizen concerned over a large hole in the beach area approximately

4x5 feet. Julie Peterson in attendance at this meeting remarked that she had seen it first hand and had nearly stepped into it. The beach area clearly needed help prior to this issue. Suggestion to create a plan over winter with steps and pricing and then execute it by May 1, 2021.

- Road Comm.:** Email, see attached, that the township gravel was finished today by the county. Brett (a county road worker or foreman), commented that Sherman Twp is one of the best in the county. Currently the Road Comm. is putting together the 2021 season plan with the goal of presenting their recommendations to the Board at the December board meeting.
- Cemetery:** Bolduc and Calkins reported that its has been quiet with normal work progressing smoothly.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc reported receiving the following: 1) Wexford -Missaukee ISD L-4029 form copy, and 2) Thank you from Mecola Dispatch.
- Old Business:**
- Area Fire Radio:** Bolduc questioned how formal of the letter was necessary? Reply was “not very,” and she will try and get it done this week.
- Risk Mitigation:** Review of chart. Question came up about the emergency exit lights that Nemish was looking into.
- Records Retention:** Nothing this month to add.
- Open Seat:** Eggle is still looking for willing candidates for both the Road Comm. Eggle presented Dale Graff currently living on Center Lake for the position on the Planning Commission to finish Tim Liponoga’s term, 2nd Bolduc. Passed. Bolduc to swear him in and get payroll info. etc.
- Hall Internet:** Eggle and Nemish continue looking into options.
- Election 2020:** Bolduc reviewed November Election requirements.
- 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:** Eggle reviewing Cemetery Ordinance and will share thoughts prior to October.
- Center Lake:** Bolduc presented a draft letter. Recommendation to be a bill not a letter. Let all know copies of invoices available upon request. Motion by Nemish to proceed with bill option per original funding arrangement with Kettunen Center and Center Lake Bible Camp (CL Association eager and willing to pay), 2nd Johns. Passed with 4 yes, 1 no votes.
- New Business:**
- Road Brine:** Discussion 2nd application of brine paid for by the Twp. We have a lot of rain in the forecast, so dust is not a problem now. Recommend not at this time. Tabled.

- Snow Plowing:** Kater sent a snow plowing proposal which the Board reviewed. We would like more info and to compare this with other bids. If anyone on the Board knows people in this business, please ask them to submit a bid.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed slide of upcoming dates. All meetings scheduled are tentative pending the State and Federal Covid-19 guidelines. Question to move or cancel November PC meeting due to Election conflict.
- 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 8:38 PM. There were three comments, suggest marking with caution tape or cones the hole at the park beach. Public comment closed at 8:41 PM.
- Adjourn:** Nemish motioned to adjourn at 8:41 PM, 2nd Johns. Passed.