

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021**

MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM

Members at Hall: No one - the furnace was broken.

Members Remote: Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.

Guests: 0 citizen at Hall, 3 online.

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

Public Comment: At 7:03 public comment opened, and there was one comment and public comment closed.

Guest Presentation: None this month.

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the regular meeting on January 12, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for December was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$119,096.54, Receipts \$18,430.75, Disbursements \$9,348.03, Ending balance \$128,179.26. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,663.97, Receipts \$1.44, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,665.41. General Fund Total ending balance \$259,844.67.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$33,146.57, Receipts \$1.35, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$33,147.92. Encumbered \$65,000.

Motion to accept the December report, Eggle, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Report for January was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$128,179.26, Receipts \$204.84, Disbursements \$9,659.89, Ending balance \$118,724.21. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,665.41, Receipts \$1.49, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,666.90. General Fund Total ending balance \$250,391.11.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$33,147.92, Receipts \$33,644.44, Disbursements \$33,644.05 Ending balance \$33,149.32. Encumbered \$65,000.

Motion to accept the January report, Johns, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Bills: Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$2,490.99 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Neither Commissioner joined the Zoom session.

- Fire Board Report:** Sherman and Burdell the only twtps who have approved the budget proposal so far. DNR and Fire Dept are working on a 50/50 grant for new equipment. The January Fire Board minutes were reviewed by Johns, see attached.
- Planning Comm.:** The meeting for February was canceled due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Eggle contacted by person interested in buying property on the corner of Mackinaw Trail and 20 Mile and putting in a subdivision. Johns mentioned some issues with fill which was added from prior road re-construction and which might cause an issue when digging basements/foundations.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Waiting on spring.
Center Lake – Waiting on spring.
- Road Comm.:** Meeting canceled. They are working on recommendations for specific road segments to gravel this summer.
- Cemetery:** Calkins reported that there is one pending full burial which will be schedule once we open the cemetery for the season. Bolduc reported on one company’s software. Nice, but pricy. Would need to compare several to see if they are in line or not with current market. Might be best to just stick with what we have.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc reported three items, 1) Letter/Invoice from Community Development department of the county Dan Massy regarding our webpage on their website and statistics of visits, 2) notice of contact changes from Brighthouse Financial, 3) CTCL Election grant report finalized.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Nothing to report.
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Open Seat:** Eggle talking with people to find someone willing and able to serve.
- Cem. Grd Radar:** Nothing to report.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Center Lake:** Pursuing leads on vendors for railroad ties and other items.
- New Business:**
- Budget:** Eggle walked us through a review of key elements in the upcoming 21/22 FY budget. Eggle moved to approved the budget as presented and take it to the annual meeting, 2nd Nemish.
- Pay Raise:** A pay raise was discussed. Black checked with Burdell, LeRoy, and Rose Lake Twtps, and we are comparable with them. Board did not make any salary resolutions at this time.
- BOR Resolutions:** Following discussion, see attached printed copy, Johns offered resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest to BOR in Writing, 2nd Black, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed.

Following discussion, see attached printed copy, Johns moved to re-affirm the resolution number 20200211-B Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test, 2nd Eggle, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed.

Following discussion, see attached printed copy, to use the U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines, applying appropriate year as needed, for BOR Poverty Exemptions, resolution # 20210209-A offered by Eggle, 2nd Bolduc, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Passed.

- Dates:** Review of upcoming meeting dates: Road Comm., March 1, PC March 2, BOR Organizational March 2, BOR Petition Hearings March 8 and 10, Board meeting March 9, Annual meeting March 23. Under current Covid State orders and guidance all meetings are virtual unless those change.
- Announcements:** Eggle explained the virtual BOR and how we are planning to roll it out with packets of forms, etc.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment was opened at 7:48 PM with one comment from the public and closed at 7:52 PM.
- Adjourn:** Bolduc motioned to adjourn at 7:53 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed