

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 12, 2021

**MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM ONLINE PLATFORM**

**Members at Hall:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, and Dave Johns.

**Members Remote:** David Eggle and Pete Nemish.

**Guests:** 0 citizen at Hall, 2 online.

**Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Eggle with prayer and the Pledge.

**Public Comment:** At 7:07 public comment opened, and there were no comments.

**Guest Presentation:** None this month.

**Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 8, 2020, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was not available due to a delay receiving the bank statements.

**Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,316.61 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner attended via Zoom and reported that he was voted in as Commissioner Chair with Elkins Vice-Chair. He also reported on Covid-19 vaccinations in our county. They are only open to people in the 1-A group at this time.

**Fire Board Report:** The budget proposal for the next fiscal year was reviewed. Motion to approve the Tustin Area Fire District budget proposal Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. The December Fire Board minutes were reviewed by Johns, see attached.

**Plan Commission:** The meeting for January was canceled due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Grugal is checking on several items.

**Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Waiting on spring.  
**Center Lake** – Waiting on spring.

**Road Comm.:** Meeting held by conference call, and they are working on recommendations for specific road segments to gravel this summer.

**Cemetery:** Nothing to report.

**Correspondence:** Bolduc reported a forfeiture report was completed.

**Old Business:**

**Risk Mitigation:** Reviewed risk mitigation chart of initiatives.

**Records Retention:** Nothing to report.

**Open Seat:** Nothing to report.

**Cem. Grd Radar:** Nothing to report.

**Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.

**Center Lake:** Nothing to report.

**Elections:** The State is doing a “Risk Limiting” audit. Jurisdictions are randomly picked to participate by pulling randomly selected ballots. At 6:30 PM on Wednesday, January 13, Bolduc, along with deputy Clerk Slocum, and a couple of election workers will meet at the twp hall to pull the two ballots which we need to report. Our report will be given to the county who forwards on the info to the State.

**New Business:**

**PC Positions:** Eggle nominated Don Akers to be a Board of Review Alternate. His term will be same as other members December 2020 through December 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.

**BOR Training:** Eggle moved that we order the MTA virtual training (see attached flier) for training our BOR members the basic and advanced programs with a guide book up to \$350, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.

**Budget:** Bolduc provided last years budget for review of where we are to-date. As well as a first draft of a budget for next fiscal year. The board reviewed. Request to provide Bolduc with any suggested changes prior to our February meeting so we can proceed with voting the budget.

**Annual meeting:** Reviewed the calendar. Bolduc moved to hold our March Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Zoom dropped the meeting after 40 minutes. The meeting switched to a conference call. Hall participants were using one phone, so anyone attending in person also could hear. Our one community member and commissioner were lost at this point.**

**Budget changes FY20/21:**

Bolduc presented and explained, see attached, budget changes for the current Fiscal Year. Motion by Black to accept changes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Mileage Adjust:** We often annually adjust the Mileage reimbursement rate to follow what the IRS rate is (see attached printout of IRS website). Moved to change the rate to 56 cents per mile for 2021 Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**Employee Pay:** Eggle will review pay rates in local twps to compare our pay rates. If we choose to increase pay, we have time between the February board meeting and annual meeting to

legally recommend to the electorate at the annual meeting a pay rate increase.

**BOR Mandates:** The State has changed things up a bit. There are now specifics mandated for training BOR members. We will choose the MTA training which will fulfill these requirements. There are also changes to the Poverty Exemptions. It is the State tax commission which is making the changes, and we may have to amend our application process to meet these new requirements. Will discuss further in February.

Due to Covid and social distancing MTA BOR training is virtual. Eggle moved to update our hall equipment with up to \$400 for a new projector and up to \$500 for new tables which will be more easily portable by most people, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**BOR Dates:** Eggle moved to set the March BOR dates as follows: Organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9 AM, BOR Petition dates on Monday, March 8, 2021 from 9 AM to 3 PM and Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 3 PM to 9 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Announcements:** None.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment was opened at 7:56 PM with one comment from a board member and closed at 7:57 PM.

**Adjourn:** Bolduc motioned to adjourn at 7:58 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish Passed.