

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JULY 13, 2021**

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 8 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer and the pledge.
- Public Comment:** At 7:02 PM public comment opened, and there was one comment and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** Mark Gregory County Commissioner had another meeting to also attend this evening, and we allowed him to go first. Updated that the county has dropped all Covid restrictions. They have formed a council to help administer and coordinate the ARPA funds within the county and the townships in our county.
- Mike Tillman the Executive Director of Mecosta Osceola Transportation Authority presented a history of MOTA, its setup, and the vote taken for millage to fund it. He also explained how they weathered Covid and answered questions from the board and audience.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on June 8, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$150,056.10, Receipts \$20,221.04, Disbursements \$17,744.04, Ending balance \$152,533.10. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,799.24, Receipts \$1.49, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,800.73. General Fund Total ending balance \$284,333.83.  
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$107,661.12, Receipts \$4.57, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$107,665.69. Encumbered \$65,000+.  
Motion to accept the June report, Johns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Summer tax bills have been mailed and people are beginning to pay.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$5,974.39 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund (this includes \$3,855.42 metro funds being moved from general fund to voted millage for the roads), 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** See beginning of the meeting.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the June Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC. One permit issued in June. Grugal is reviewing blight issues including checking with other Osceola Co. twps as to how they enforce their blight ordinances. Hersey Twp has a Blight Enforcement Agent. We are waiting to hear

back from the county prosecutor's office. "Jessy" in Dighton needs a privacy fence due to his scrap metal hauling business. A single wide trailer was brought into Dighton without permits. There are a couple of signs around the twp that are still being looked into. There have been a couple of complaints such as loud music after midnight about the group renting Kettenun Center this summer. August PC meeting is canceled due to election conflict.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing at this time.  
**Center Lake** – Iler reported that the beach has been getting lots of use. The Milfoil was treated on 6/30/21, and we are good to pay that invoice.
- Road Comm.:** Covered in New Business.
- Cemetery:** Rose bush count is seven. Two are in pots, which have been moved near the trash bins. The Sexton's grandma's rose is almost dead. This leaves four. The one by Laycock is growing well, Eggle will contact Tammy Stoner, who is a relative, about removing it. A head stone was just "dropped" off in a random spot. We will contact the company to request they let us know when deliveries are happening so we can direct the placement. We have several people buried in walkways and in other places where we didn't measure well. Board ok with moving headstones to keep them inline with other headstones as needed.
- Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) Notice from CM District Health Dept. Reference beach monitoring, 2) Principles of Governance a document from MTA to sign that the Board will follow principles (we signed one a few years ago and we are already doing all that is listed), and 3) information from Sarah Pagles regarding recycling electronics and tires in Reed City on Saturday, August 7, 9 to noon at 531 E. Lincoln.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Eggle will email with reminders. Nemish to follow up on fire extinguishers.
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Roads Open Seat:** Still looking for someone to hold this position.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Center Lake:** Completed!
- Audit:** Over all it was a good report! Nothing urgent to change. Eggle will check with Mike Cool about possibly having someone from the audit team come in and do a verbal report to the board.
- Twp Clean-up:** We are locked in with Independent Rural Waste for Saturday, September 25.
- Election:** The Clerk called to order at 8:36 a meeting of the Sherman Township Election Commission. Moved by Eggle to approve the appointment of the following election inspectors to work full or half days as determined by the Clerk; Bethany Bolduc (chair), Loretta Slocum (closing and fill in), H. John Iler, Keith Calkins, J. Fred Calkins, Cheryl Worst, Elna Sherman, and Julie Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed. The Public Test will be Thursday, July 29, 2021, at 10 AM. Meeting dissolved back into the main meeting.

**New Business:**

**ARPA Funds:** Bolduc to focus on finishing this application next week.

**Roads:** Eggle presented and discussed an email from Luke Houlton regarding chip seal on 150<sup>th</sup> Ave. from North of Jeffery Hill to County Line. Township cost would be \$14,000 to \$15, 000. Road Committee has recommended moving forward with this. Bolduc moved to approve the presented chip seal on 150<sup>th</sup> not to exceed \$15,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.

**Election:** Pine River Area Schools has put forth a millage question which will be voted on November 2, 2021. This involves a portion of our community, and we will be holding the election for them. Bolduc will be sending out absentee forms and issuing ballots as needed.

**Review of Dates:** Review of upcoming meeting dates.

**Announcements:** None.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment opened at 8:54 PM there were no comments and closed at 8:54 PM.

**Adjourn:** Eggle motioned to adjourn at 8:57 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns Passed.