

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 11, 2021

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 4 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc and the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** At 7:02 public comment opened, and there were no comments and public comment closed.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 13, 2021, were reviewed, typos noted, and Clerk's error transcribing Treasurer's beginning checking balance corrected. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Black 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$145,009.62, Receipts \$24,963.68, Disbursements \$13,676.46, Ending balance \$156,296.84. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,669.74, Receipts \$128.06, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,174.21 (\$131,797.80). General Fund Total ending balance \$287,471.05 (\$288,094.64). Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$103,337.11, Receipts \$4,319.68, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$107,656.79. Encumbered \$65,000. Motion to accept the April report, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
Audit completed. No major issues. The report should be available by the June meeting. Several outstanding checks on the Tax Account, and question as to what we should do about them. At least one is more than a year old.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,423.79 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory reported that the county has extended the local state of emergency until June 1st. The COA got a grant from AAA for purchasing computers. Mark Watkins appointed as contact for recovery grant funds. The County Coordinator's contract was not renewed, so at some point the county will be reviewing job description and going through the hire process.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the April Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on several permits including T-mobile adding an antenna to the tower on Nye's property. A house permit on 19 Mile. Blight issues discussion and how to remedy. Further discussion and formal recommendation for Sarah Pagle coming on PC as a paid non-voting secretary. Discussion of recommendation and salary considering duties, time to attend meeting and carry out duties mechanism for extra time on special projects or special use permits. Moved by Nemish to hire Sarah Pagle as a paid secretary to the PC at \$81.47 (*current secretary rate*) per month expected to attend PC meeting, prepare minutes and agenda, approx 2 hours average per month outside meeting, additional hours when working on special projects or special use permit additional

requirements to be at the hourly current secretary rates, 2nd Johns. Passed.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing at this time.
Center Lake – Goal is to have the project completed by Memorial Day. The grill has been ordered and is scheduled to arrive at the Cadillac store tomorrow.
- Road Comm.:** Purchased brine application has begun.
- Cemetery:** Calkins reported that full burials of persons held over from mid-winter deaths has begun and has gone smoothly so far. Bolduc reported on the purchase of a stamp for use on cremation certificates where there is not a designated location to write the location of burial and have the sexton sign.
- Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) Thank you from Tustin Library, 2) Notice Hearing with State and Consumers Energy Case No. U-20849, and 3) Notice Hearing with State and Consumers Energy Case No. U-20984.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Report on lighted exit sign estimate from Home Depot at \$70 each. For grant requirements a written price/cost estimate must accompany the grant application. Decision to hold on grant application until the October grant window, so we can get better estimates. Eggle to get estimate on new locks, Nemish to get estimate on emergency lights and electric to install those and the lighted exit signs.
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Roads Open Seat:** Nothing to report.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Center Lake:** See earlier item 8 d.
- New Business:**
- Twp Clean-up:** Eggle has received the question, will the township be offering a clean-up day? Discussion and questions regarding holding such. It has been more than 5 years since such an event was held. Nemish will check with trash haulers and report costs. Email from Eggle referencing blight concern on 130th Ave. send to Grugal and Nemish.
- Tire Clean-up:** Middle Branch township is moving forward with a tire clean-up for all Osceola Co. Townships and requests participation by sending 2 workers or paying \$60 to hire people for the 3 hour shift. Moved by Eggle that we pay Middle Branch or their designated contractor \$60, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Review of Dates:** Review of upcoming meeting dates.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment was opened at 8:13 PM there were two comments and closed at 8:16 PM. (*From the Sexton, the vault company representative pressuring for shallower graves.*)
- Adjourn:** Black motioned to adjourn at 8:16 PM, 2nd Nemish Passed.