

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 5 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer and the pledge.
- Public Comment:** At 7:02 PM public comment opened, and there were no comments and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on October 12, 2021, were reviewed, typo noted in motion regarding Treasurer's report. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Johns 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for October was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$139,631.39, Receipts \$2,740.18, Disbursements \$8,706.30, Ending balance \$133,665.27. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,885.96, Receipts \$1.44, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,887.40. General Fund Total ending balance \$265,552.67. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$39,609.92, Receipts \$4.48, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$39,614.40. Encumbered \$20,250. Motion to accept the October report, Eggle 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$1,200.42 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as provided, Nemish, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and provided updates. USDA grant to purchase sheriff vehicle. Enterprise to also help with sheriff vehicles. Working on a grant for a snowmobile. Morris Langworthy appointed to the Parks Comm.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the October Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported no PC meeting due to the election. Eggle called the county regarding the blight ordinance and enforcement issues. LeRoy and Rose Lake have blight ordinances. Question and discussion.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – on hold until spring.
Center Lake – on hold until spring.

- Road Comm.:** Received brine, \$15,743, and chip seal, \$10,851, bills which are now paid. Comm. received recommendations from Co., and will have Mike Matzella attend the December meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 11 AM. They are on track to provide the Board 2022 work season recommendations for our review at the December Board Meeting.
- Cemetery:** One more full and one more cremains burial in the last month.
- Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) email from Peggy Hoard regarding workers for next years tire collection, 2) MTA thank you for membership, 3) Notice of Consumers Energy Co. Hearing, and 4) DNR notice of meeting to review Pine River setback variance.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Grant deadline is in November. Bolduc provided verbiage of two resolutions to proceed with encumbering the twp portion of funding the initiatives, see attached. Resolution 20211109-A offered by Nemish, 2nd Black, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution 20211109-B offered by Eggle, 2nd Johns, roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Eggle will work on getting the remaining estimates needed.
- Records Retention:** Election went well. 70 Absentee Ballots, 36 walk-ins, total 106.
- Roads Open Seat:** Road Comm. position, person told Eggle “maybe”.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- ARPA Funds:** See attached award letter. Board agreed by consensus that it would be best for the tracking and reporting needs to open a new and separate account for the ARPA funds which should begin to arrive within the week. Commissioner Gregory who is on the ARPA committee at the county concurred that a separate account would be best. The Treasurer and Clerk will go together to the Lake Osceola State Bank to open a savings account. Recommendation to check the Dept of Treasury for revenue loss calculator and the National Association of Counties website for additional info on ARPA issues.
- Election:** Bolduc reported that the team works together like a well oiled machine! Even though a low turnout makes for a boring day, things went very smoothly. Several of the more mature election workers have expressed that they might not want to work full days in the future, so Bolduc would like to recruit some additional election workers. If any of the board or guests know of people in our community interested in this work, please have them contact her. We anticipate two busy elections next year as it is time to vote on the office of Governor. Bolduc has sent our reimbursement request for \$1,397.42 into the Co. Clerk who will compile and forward to Pine River Schools
- BOR:** The December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9 AM.
- Snow Removal:** Discussion about the Kater proposal for snow removal. Reviewed one other bid brought by Nemish from Double J Lawncare Plus LLC. Reviewed amount paid to

Kater in previous years. Motion by Eggle to accept with salt, and severance language added, the proposal from Kater for snow removal winter season 2021/2022 at \$1,800, 2nd Johns. Passed.

New Business:

ZBA Nomination: Eggle nominated and moved to approve Ryan Johnson for an additional term on the Zoning Board of Appeals, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Budget: Budget season is fast upon us. December we will review budget adjustments to our current year, January we will move on any salary changes and review a draft budget, February we will pass our final budget and send it to the Electors at the Annual Meeting in March. Review schedule and recommend a date at our December meeting for the March Annual Meeting.

Current FOIAs: Bolduc reported on the current three FOIAs she has been working on. Two of them returned checks for deposit on the estimated total cost to produce documents. She has made great strides with them and will finalize them next week. One has not returned a deposit and will have to start fresh if that is not returned after a 48 day reply time.

Misc. Issues: None.

Review of Dates: Review of upcoming meeting dates.

Announcements: Kater has been advertising for workers in the paper.

Ext. Pub Comment: Extended Comment opened at 8:58 PM there was one public with board response and comments closed at 9:03 PM.

Adjourn: Johns motioned to adjourn at 9:03 PM, 2nd Black Passed.