

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2021

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 6 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc and the pledge.
- Public Comment:** At 7:03 PM public comment opened, and there were no comments and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on September 14, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for September was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$150,567.74, Receipts \$255.79, Disbursements \$11,192.14, Ending balance \$139,631.39. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,884.47, Receipts \$1.49, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,885.96. General Fund Total ending balance \$271,517.35. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$111,530.19, Receipts \$4.73, Disbursements \$71,928.00 Ending balance \$39,609.92. Encumbered \$20,250. Motion to accept the September report, Bolduc 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$1,548.11 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as provided, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended but arrived later into the meeting. The county has recognized revenue loss as ARPA eligible. They have updated the EMS plan and are reviewing an EMPG grant. They are working with the Marion Public Health location. ARPA change in reporting dates. Val Delemater is the new Equalization Director and Tim Ladd has been hired as the Co. Coordinator. Another broadband meeting is scheduled at the Middle Branch Twp hall one evening this week. (No one from Sherman's board was able to commit to attend.)
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the September Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Grugal did not attend nor did he provide a report on permits. Nothing further on the Blight questions. Moesta will contact the

prosecutor to try and get questions answered. The November meeting is canceled due to Election night hall use conflict.

- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing at this time.  
**Center Lake** – Iler is in AZ for the winter. The grass at the beach is doing well.
- Road Comm.:** We are waiting on brine and chip seal invoices. Working on the 2022 road maintenance plan. RC’s goal is to have recommendations to present to the Board at the December meeting.
- Cemetery:** Keith Calkins provided some recommendations which were read by the Assistant Sexton Fred Calkins. The Board discussed the question of a family pouring a headstone base themselves if one of them works in the concrete field? Consensus is no, only township employees are allowed to pour footings. Recommendation by Sexton to purchase setting compound. Presented D. W. request to have the Twp move, re-pour, and re-set his grandfathers headstone. Board consensus is that the headstones are the property of the person who holds the deed not the property of the Twp; therefore, the Twp will not do this work for free.
- Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) snow removal proposal from Kater, and 2) Tax Rate Request from Osceola Co.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Grant deadline is in November. So far we are on track.
- Records Retention:** Bolduc will review more during the election in the next few weeks.
- Roads Open Seat:** Road Comm. position, Eggle is waiting on a person to decide.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- Center Lake:** Discussed under Parks.
- Twp Clean-up:** Eggle reviewed how things went. It was a good day. People began arriving around 8:15 AM. There were 50-55 people who showed up. Darrell the Independent Rural Waste owner was on site working the clean-up. They hand stacked the garbage, so that the containers were filled well with no wasted space. We had the right equipment for the event!
- ARPA Funds:** There was an issue with our contact info and our application was initially rejected, and Bolduc had to call the State and re-send our info. We are back on track now.
- Library:** Black reported on the Tustin Library meeting she attended. They do not expect us to make any significant changes to how we are contributing or to pass a millage of our own. We might consider increasing our donations as we move into the next budget cycle. The same arrangements for our citizens to use the library will still be in place. We also will not have ownership to say what is kept or how the reorganizing looks like.

**Election:**

Bolduc called to order a meeting of the Sherman Township Election Commission at 8:35 PM and nominated to work the election, Bolduc for Chair, Republican, Slocum and Worst, Democratic, Sherman, Republican, and Calkins, Libertarian. Four workers will work all day and Calkins will be on stand by and come in the evening to help with sealing everything up. Eggle moved to approve the nominations, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black, passed. The Public Test of the ballots and equipment will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 10 AM. The Election Commission portion closed at 8:39 PM.

**New Business:**

**BOR:** The December Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 9 AM.

**Snow Removal:** Discussion of the Kater proposal for snow removal. It seems considerably high. Eggle will contact them.

**Misc. Issues:** There are a lot of bugs in the Twp Hall. Suggestion to contact several exterminators to get bids and consider using their services.

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

**Announcements:** When Bolduc and Slocum were here doing the preliminary ballot testing they came out to find a crew working on the parking lot. It turns out that a secretary in their office sent them to the wrong Sherman Township. It was quite the dramatic mix-up!

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment opened at 8:41 PM there were no public comments only comments by the board and closed at 8:47 PM.

**Adjourn:** Nemish motioned to adjourn at 8:47 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns Passed.