

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer and the pledge.
- Public Comment:** At 7:01 PM public comment opened, and there were no comments and public comment closed at 7:01 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** At a later point in the meeting Allen Gingrich brought the new Osceola Co Road head engineer, Mike Matzela to meet the board. They are visiting several township this evening. Mike is a graduate of Pine River school and grew up in Osceola County.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on August 10, 2021, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Johns 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for August was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$140,475.09, Receipts \$19,885.48, Disbursements \$9,792.83, Ending balance \$150,567.74. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,882.98, Receipts \$1.49, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,884.47. General Fund Total ending balance \$282,452.21. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$111,525.53, Receipts \$4.66, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$111,530.19. Encumbered \$65,000+. Motion to accept the August report, Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,589.93 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> Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended. The county is looking at commissioner districts in light of the 2020 Census data, and they are trying to bring all of Sherman into one district again.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the August Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported there was one permit for a house on 180<sup>th</sup> Ave. The blight issue was discussed again, and the PC is still waiting on answers from the County Prosecutor's office. Mention made of an Airb&b home on 22 Mile with zoning issues.

**Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – Nothing at this time.  
**Center Lake** – Iler reported: Bolduc discovered that the split rail fencing was sold out and or out of stock. Working with former twp resident Keith Hammond at Home Depot to see if we can get it once it becomes available. Regarding milfoil, it is likely we can skip treatment next year based on how dead it is after this treatment season. Kettenun center is up for sale again. The group which used it over the summer under a rental contract was not able to make the closing happen, but they still might be trying to figure out a deal.

**Road Comm.:** The committee is beginning work on the 2022 road maintenance plan.

**Cemetery:** Bolduc brought up several items which were then discussed. Tree removal. We have several dying trees, and Bolduc would like input on whom to get estimates from for their removal. Bolduc and deputy clerk Slocum are working up a 5 year plan for planting trees, bushes and replacing the hedge. As part of that plan the new section will receive plants, too, but before we can plant there we need to have the survey redone. Discussion of why. Request to bring the old survey to next board meeting so everyone can review. Suggestion to discuss this with a professional cemetery consultant and get a survey professional who specializes in cemeteries. Ask Dale Graff if he knows of anyone with cemetery survey experience. Check with register of deeds to see if the survey was recorded.

**Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) snow removal proposal from Kater (request to bring last year's to compare), 2) email on broadband meeting, 3) Rose Lake and Maple Hill burial rates, 4) Thunder Bay tree service cutting and or spraying herbicide under the power lines, 5) copies of the L-4029 forms from our school districts and ISD *not filed in the board book*, and 6) notice of two Consumers Energy hearings.

**Old Business:**

**Risk Mitigation:** Grant deadline is in November.

**Records Retention:** Discussion. Not done yet.

**Roads Open Seat:** Road Comm. position still vacant.

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

**Center Lake:** Discussed under Parks.

**Twp Clean-up:** Nemish handed off notes to Eggle. Eggle will get signs and will put them out. Johns and Eggle will attend to help out. They plan to arrive around 8 AM. John and Joanne volunteered to help with "registration". Bolduc will be sure they have a form to use. Check first aid kit. Bolduc asked about a family bringing something early? Ok to leave in garage if they do bring it Thursday or Friday. Have on hand contractor bags and some gloves. Elna to provide refreshment such as water and simple snacks. Let them know that people may come as early as 8 AM.

**ARPA Funds:** Bolduc attended an information meeting of Osceola municipalities at the Rose Lake Twp hall. There was good discussion and the County explained some of their

processes with these funds.

**Election:** Bolduc is preparing for this election.

**New Business:**

**Library:** Bolduc reviewed meeting Laura Dunlap wife of Richard the Burdell Twp Clerk at the ARPA meeting. Laura is heading up work on the agreement between the Tustin Library and the Cadillac Wexford Library. There have been several back and forth volleys of letter and drafts of a contract. There is a millage in Burdell and the Village of Tustin which provided about \$40,000 annually for Library services. Also the fines which are from Burdell AND Sherman amount to about \$9,000 per year. They are including us in discussions with the Cadillac Library Director and other stakeholders. The next meeting is Friday, September 17. Bolduc will be out of town and requests that someone else might go. Black indicated that she could attend.

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

**Announcements:** None.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended Comment opened at 9:13 PM there were 2 comments and closed at 9:16 PM.

**Adjourn:** Johns motioned to adjourn at 9:16 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish Passed.