

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2022

- 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 PM by Eggle with prayer and the pledge.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:02 PM, and there were no comments. Public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** None.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2021, were reviewed, typo noted page 2 correct spelling of Abell Pest Control. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Black 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$145,321.00, Receipts \$1,752.54, Disbursements \$8,423.62, Ending balance \$138,649.92. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,888.89, Receipts \$1.44, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,890.33. General Fund Total ending balance \$270,540.25. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$39,614.73, Receipts \$.32, Disbursements \$26,594.00 Ending balance \$13,021.05. Encumbered \$0. CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$54,218.50. Deposited in Lake Osceola State Bank  
Motion to accept the December report, Bolduc 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$1,742.95 as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Eggle reported on a conversation at the BOC meeting regarding pay and compensation. Great news! Sherman will be rejoined and have only one county commissioner representing the whole of the township. This will greatly help with election work and expenses!
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the December Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Chairman Moesta is in FL for 3 months. Zoom meeting options were explored and MTA consulted. Currently twps are not allowed to have members remote into any meetings unless the member is active military; therefore, Amy Marten will chair while Moesta is away. Conversation about blight ordinance and our progress. The

PC has reviewed James Wing's resume. He works with Rose Lake as an ordinance enforcement officer. More research is needed, and before any decisions made, a general employment advertisement would be published.

**Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – on hold until spring.  
**Center Lake** – on hold until spring.

**Road Comm.:** No updates.

**Cemetery:** Request from Schwartz family to bury their father ASAP, Jerome Schwartz, they are willing to pay the extra \$500 fee. Bolduc moved to allow off season burial of J. Schwartz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.  
Discussion of paying our sexton and digging crew an extra amount when they do a winter i.e. off season burial. Bolduc moved to pay diggers \$200 more per job for off season burials when the family is paying the extra \$500 fee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Johns. Passed.  
Discussion of using ARPA funds to purchase a small Kobota tractor with backhoe.

**Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) FSLG (Federal, State & Local Gov) postcard of available resources, 2) Consumers energy hearing notice, and 3) info from Muskegon River Watershed Assembly.

**Old Business:**

**Risk Mitigation:** Waiting on word.

**Records Retention:** Nothing more at this time.

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

**ARPA Funds:** Final rules for spending the funds allow for using the ARPA funds for operating expenses if our award amount is under 10 Million. Since ours is well under that amount, we can use the funds for general operations. Anything the township government can legally spending money to do.

**New Business:**

**Budget FY 21/22:** Reviewed Budget Changes Notes FY 21/22 Change #1. Moved by Johns to accept changes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Budget New FY:** Bolduc presented copies of the current "old" budget and a tentative proposal for a new budget for FY 22/23. The board took time to review it throughly.

**BOR:** MTA is holding in-person BOR training sessions with one of the sessions held in Cadillac. Eggle moved to send 4 BOR members (3 main and 1 alternate) as well as himself to the training on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Evergreen Hotel and to purchase 1 copy of the manual, cost \$103 per person and \$ 34.50 for the book, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed. Bolduc will register attendees.  
Eggle is reviewing requirements for poverty exemptions and the necessary resolutions which he will work on prior to next meeting.

**Pay Rates Review:** Eggle gathered information, Bolduc pulled together some figures, and they led a discussion about potential pay rases for the elected and appointed officials as well

as our employees. It has been several years since we did a pay raise, and the cost of living per the Social Security figures has increased dramatically this year. Following discussion, Nemish offered the following RESOLUTION, #20220111. Now therefore be it resolved that after taking due consideration at the following factors: other area township governments rates of pay for similar jobs/positions, number of years since a pay raise, cost of living increases; and considering our budget, subject to the electors in their annual session on March 29, 2022, the board does here by set in motion beginning with the new fiscal year starting on April 1, 2022, for all elected officials (the supervisor, the treasurer, the clerk and the trustees), all appointed officials for the PC, Road Comm, ZBA, and our employees for all positions and levels an eight percent (8%) raise, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black, the clerk called the roll, 5 yes, 0 no. The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Bethany Bolduc, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Sherman Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on January 11, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to go to the Electors on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 for ratification.

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- AMAR:** Eggle reported that we will likely have another AMAR this summer.
- Annual Meeting:** Discussion of when would be a good date to hold our Annual Meeting. Eggle moved to set the 2022 Annual Meeting date for Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 7 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black, passed.
- Misc. Issues:** None.
- Review of Dates:** Review of upcoming meeting dates including the March BOR which will organize on Tuesday, March 8 with petition sessions on Monday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 16.
- Announcements:** Encumbered amount of Road funds is \$81,750.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Extended comment opened at 8:33 PM. There were no comments, and public comments closed at 8:33 PM.
- Adjourn:** Bolduc motioned to adjourn at 8:33 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black Passed.