

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 14, 2022

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish, and Dave Johns.
- Guests:** 8 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer by Nemish and the pledge along with a few words about Flag Day.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:05 PM, and there were no comments, and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** In the middle of the meeting we diverted to allow for these people to present. Jim Wanstead who is running for a seat on the Co. Road Commission. Sheriff Cool regarding staffing and patrols in light of rising gas prices, and 2 items on the August ballot: the new school resource officer position and renewal of regular funding.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on May 10, 2022, were reviewed. Note typo of Benz on p. 2 and incorrect number of miles under chip seal change to 7.18. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$187,802.56, Receipts \$680.50, Disbursements \$14,309.35, Ending balance \$174,173.71. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,891.83, Receipts \$15.86, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,907.69. General Fund Total ending balance \$306,081.40. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$89,242.92, Receipts \$.71, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$89,243.63. Encumbered \$81,750. CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$54,440.62, Receipts \$0, Ending balance \$54,440.62.
- Motion to accept the May report, Nemish 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$6,628.01, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed. Note the bill for electric work on the exit lights was more then originally estimated but that the extra work was reviewed by Nemish and Eggle prior to being done.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Several updates were provided COA building in Hersey, RFP for agent to sell several Co. held buildings, court observing the Juneteenth holiday, Tracey Cochran one of the deputy clerks appointed as interim Co. Clerk. Question has been raised about 4H and county support. The move made was purely financial as the cost was

over \$100,000 per year.

Fire Board Report: Johns reviewed the May Fire Board minutes, see attached.

Plan Commission: Nemish reported 3 permits for garage, storage building and pole barn. Work continues on the blight ordinance issue. The PC decided to move the August meeting to Wednesday, August 3, 2022 due to the Election use 8/2/22.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – citizen complaint that the trash was overflowing and the park looked unkempt.
Center Lake – Iler reported that e coli testing was done last year, so we are not on the list to get tested this year. Typically geese bring e coli and the loons which we have tend to drive the geese away, so we generally don't have a problem with e coli. The loons have 2 eggs this year. Beach sand has been brought in. Travis G. and his kids spread it out. The tree near the picnic area needs to be removed as it is showing signs of dying. When we do tree removal in the cemetery we should include it in that plan. Renee Deibert will be filling in for her husband Alex and doing some other items like painting at the park. Milfoil does not look healthy! Lake Cadillac and Mitchell are also being treated for curly leaf pond weed. The beach top fence will be completed next week. There has been lots of pollen on all the lakes right now.

Road Comm.: Review of gravel proposal. We have funded gravel to do 1.25 miles. Proposed to do 135th Ave. South of 19 Mile, 22 Mile East of 130th Ave. And about 3/4 of a mile on 170th North of Mackinaw Trail. Bolduc moved to approve the gravel plan 1.25 miles on the roads identified as presented, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Cemetery: Discussed proposed plantings by Erickson family and Bert Dery III. We want to be sure that we don't exceed what our policy allows as it sets a precedent. Delegated Keith to place flags where they are allowed. Specifically Dery plot tabled. Will take their request under advisement to see if it will fit into our overall plan for planting. Regarding stones facing the wrong way and moving or placing headstones that get dropped off. It is not our responsibility, and we need to contact the monument company to come back and do it right. The board heard from Todd Swihart of Saginaw Wilbert Vault company and our sexton Keith Calkins. We also reviewed a letter from Jim Lantagne. Eggle and Nemish will meet with Kater to review. Information will be filed.

Correspondence: There are several items of correspondence: 1) MI Twp Par Plan annual rebate letter and check \$150.49, 2) Metro Act Fee Sharing payment \$3,941.54, 3) 2022 Pers. Prop Value change and millage proposal info from Val D. at the Co. Equal. office, 4) MTA annual membership, 5) Consumers energy notice of hearing, 6) DNR ref Pine River zoning review meeting, and 7) declaration of election from MI Sec. of State.

Old Business:

Risk Mitigation: Bolduc will be finalizing grant in the next month.

Records Retention: Nothing to report.

Cem. Ordinance: Nothing to report. Eggle would like us to review capital equipment needs and has asked for bids from 3 vendors. Recommend forming a temporary committee to review the bids against the needs. Committee recommendation our sexton Keith Calkins, a board member (Johns volunteered), and a community member, and we suggest John Langworthy. Eggle will follow up on that.

ARPA Funds: Additional payment should be coming in July.

AMAR: Our review went well, so we are just waiting for the report now.

Twp Clean-up 2022: Eggle re-verified that our date is locked in for August 27, 2022. We need to get our advertising signs up by Election Day.

Tire Clean-up: See printout of tires returned by township. They could have taken more if they had had more semi's to fill.

Tustin Library: No update.

Mtg Attendance: So far info from local townships is that Rose Lake does not have an attendance policy.

New Business:

Street Name: Eggle will continue to follow up on the wish of Camp Gan Israel to change the street name from 4H Drive to something else.

Election 2022: Meeting of the Sherman Twp Election Commission will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the Twp Hall. Public Accuracy test will be Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 10 AM.

Twp Picnic: Discussion. Will re-visit next spring for possible picnic summer of 2023.

July BOR: Board of Review to be held Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 9 AM.

Misc. Issues: Bolduc presented info from the IRS that mileage rates were raised mid year effective July 1st to 62.5 cents per mile. Bolduc moved to change our reimbursement rate to 62.5 cents per mile, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Review of Dates: Review of upcoming meeting dates.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Extended comment opened at 9:38 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 9:38 PM.

Adjourn: Bolduc moved to adjourn at 9:38 PM, 2nd Black Passed.