

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish, and Dave Johns.
- Guests:** 6 citizens.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc and the pledge along with a few words about Mom's in honor of Mother's Day.
- Public Comment:** Public comment opened at 7:06 PM, and there were two comments. Public comment closed at 7:08 PM.
- Guest Presentation:** In the middle of the meeting Allen Gingrich came from the County Road Commission. He is up for re-election this year and making the rounds of the townships to update and leave info. He said that he is getting asked a lot, "How is Mike doing in the job?" The answer is, "he is doing great, really great!" They are down some staff and are looking to hire, especially drivers and mechanics.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2022, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes Johns, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented by the Treasurer – Checking account: Beginning balance \$186,193.89, Receipts \$18,922.63, Disbursements \$17,313.96, Ending balance \$187,802.56. Picnic Fund donated by citizens balance of \$0. CDs: Beginning balance \$131,891.83, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$131,891.83. General Fund Total ending balance \$319,694.39. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$84,039.32, Receipts \$5,203.60, Disbursements \$0 Ending balance \$89,242.92. Encumbered \$81,750. CLFRF (ARPA) Funds: Beginning balance \$54,440.62, Receipts \$0, Ending balance \$54,440.62.
- Motion to accept the April report, Eggle 2nd Johns. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Johns to pay monthly bills totaling \$7,984.87, as listed by the Clerk from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory did not attend. Several Twp Board members and Sarah Pagles brought up a couple of County items. EMS is pulling in contract pool employees, and they are looking at temporarily closing the North stations. County Clerk Karen Blhum is retiring effective June 30, 2022.
- Fire Board Report:** Johns reviewed the April Fire Board minutes, see attached.

- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported 4 permits for various smaller items. The 22 Mile Airbnb cabin was sold, and the new owner should rectify the zoning/health violation with county Building and Health depts. Blight ordinance work continues. PC is hopeful to have a draft by the end of the year.
- Parks Comm.:** **Grove Hill** – nothing to report.
Center Lake – Iler reported that the new signs done by KelGraphics are complete and installed. Due to the way sign materials come, we had to purchase a whole 4x8 foot sheet, so we got several other small signs done at the same time including one for the township hall. Working on getting some beach sand from Benz.
- Road Comm.:** The Road Committee is planning to bring a gravel proposal to the Board for the June meeting. We are 1st in our quadrant of the county for brine this year, so late May or 1st part of June that will get applied. We have 6.5 7.18 miles of chip seal under contract which will get done in the July/August time frame.
- Cemetery:** Discussed the military marker for Jerry Briggs. It has been many years since a marker of this style was installed in Sherman Cemetery. Bolduc recommended we charge \$75 for labor and materials to install (typically this type has pea gravel or concrete in the bottom of the 18" deep hole). Eggle moved to accept that recommendation and add to our fee schedule \$75 for installation of a military style upright monument, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Correspondence:** There are several items of correspondence: 1) Consumers Energy Notice of Hearing, 2) Tustin Library contract notes, and 3) copies of email from C. Mullhaupt at MTA and DE, not archived were: 4) balance sheet from Rose Lake regarding the Maple Hill cemetery, 5) water shed permit info, and 6) thank you from Tustin Library for our annual donation.
- Old Business:**
- Risk Mitigation:** Exit signs and lighting completed this week. Once we pay the invoice we can finalize the grant paperwork.
- Records Retention:** Nothing to report.
- Cem. Ordinance:** Nothing to report.
- ARPA Funds:** Annual report seems to have been completed ok. There is not a good system for checking, but nothing has been seen by Bolduc to indicate otherwise.
- AMAR:** Our date is May 26, and we expect that J. Patterson and Eggle will attend. Patterson is well prepared.
- Twp Clean-up 2022:** Eggle reported that our original date was not available. The date we could get closest to our chosen date is August 27, 2022. It will be the same team format and pricing structure as before. Discussion of a possible postcard notification and signs up around the township.
- Tire Clean-up:** Dates are coming up fast. June 9, 10 and 11 9 AM to 3 PM. 3 hour shifts if we are able to send volunteers to help load the trucks. If not, Peggy Hoard will pay

workers. We previously sent her \$60 to help pay workers. Requested to add dates/times to our website. Eggle moved to purchase signs for the tire clean-up from Allegra, whatever their minimum sign order is, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Tustin Library: Eggle attended the May 4 meeting with the Village of Tustin, Burdell Twp, Cadillac and Tustin Libraries. The new agreement is signed. We would like to get routine updates for how much money is coming in from our penal fines.

Mtg Attendance: Eggle reviewed the info in the email from Catherine M. at MTA followed by some discussion around the table. Eggle will poll twps in our area for their policies and ask our attorney.

New Business:

ZBA appointments: Eggle nominated Russell Monroe for membership on the ZBA this is a term renewal 2nd Johns. Passed. Eggle nominated Doug DeVries for membership on the ZBA this is a term renewal 2nd Bolduc. Passed. Eggle nominated Joshwa Salisbury for membership on the ZBA this is a term renewal 2nd Nemish. Passed.

PC appointment: Eggle nominated Amy Martin for membership on the Planning Commission this is a term renewal 2nd Black. Passed

Street Name: The new owners of the former Kettunen Center wish to change the name of the road into the camp from 4H Drive to something that reflects their camp focus. Bolduc and Eggle both received emails and have worked to find answers. They have also brought up about their sign needing to be changed. There are two signs and each has a different consideration in our zoning ordinance. One is on their property at the entrance of the camp (corner of 4H Drive and 145th Ave.) this would come under “on premise signs”. The other sign is at the corner of 145th Ave. and 20 Mile Road. This is considered an “off premise sign”.

Election 2022: We have started another round of election updates leading up to the Primary election in August and the Gubernatorial election in November. The state has issued a grant for up to \$1,500 toward election security. Bolduc will see about getting 4 additional cameras to add to our system. Election workers will attend training in May and June and be appointed by the Election Commission (Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor) in July.

July BOR: Eggle is looking at Tuesday, July 19 for BOR at 9 AM.

Misc. Issues: None.

Review of Dates: Review of upcoming meeting dates.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Extended comment opened at 8:46 PM. There were 3 comments, and public comments closed at 8:50 PM.

Adjourn: Nemish motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM, 2nd Johns Passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Bethany Bolduc, Clerk _____