

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

- Members Present:** Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Dave Johns, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 7 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge. Eggle made a few remarks of remembrance for the events commemorated on 9/11 which we now call Patriot Day.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:06 PM. There were two comments and public comment closed at 7:10 PM. One comment was about the recent storm damage to several wooded properties in the township and how 49 years ago in the Tustin news paper there was a 55 years ago column which spoke of a storm moving a house from its foundation they further commented that their relative purchased a property on section 13 (in the 1930 - 40's era) which was dubbed a "wind blown 40".
- Guest Presentation:** Bob Rose Fire Chief from the Tustin Area Fire Department attended to discuss with the Board what is needed and involved with placing a tower on the Twp Hall property. It would be for a repeater base "station" for the Fire personnel as they need a talk around frequency when they are going on calls. A talk around frequency allows the members to talk with each other while leaving the main channel open for official and emergency communications. Following discussion Eggle motioned with 2nd by Bolduc to form a Fire Dept. Tower Committee with two members from Sherman Twp and two from others involved in the Fire Dept. our nominees are Dave Johns and Don Akers, motion carried. They are tasked with bringing back to the board all the specifics of what permits might be needed, who will be in charge, the specifics of erecting the tower and securing it, etc. Chief Rose was asked to send information on who the other two committee members will be to the Clerk.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on August 14, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for August was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$105,022.48, Receipts \$8,844.54, Disbursements \$20,648.39, Ending balance \$93,218.63. This includes the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens \$143. CDs: Beginning balance \$130,143.63, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$130,148.09. General Fund Total ending balance \$223,366.72. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$94,099.78, Receipts \$11.98, Disbursements \$40,155.14 (\$60.14 checks/deposit tickets), Ending balance \$53,956.62. Encumbered \$72,672. Motion to accept August report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. See attached note from the Clerk regarding the spread of the Community Stabilization funds received last year. They are supposed to be distributed between Fire, Roads, & General Fund. Bolduc was informed of this when Baird, Cotter & Bishop were preparing the Twp's F65. Bills this month include

a check to the Voted Millage account to spread these funds, \$Fire \$3,265.10, Roads \$4,056.91, GF \$1,897.33. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills \$13,640.45 from General Fund, 2nd Johns. Passed.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Commissioner Gregory attended and updated the Board on items which the BOC is dealing with including EMS and 911 dispatch employment issues and Veterans.

Fire Board Report: Johns reviewed the minutes of the August Fire Board meeting, see attached. September 18, 2018 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church Tustin there is a blood drive from 2-7 PM.

Plan Commission: Nemish reported on the PC meeting. PC has set a Public Hearing for the changes to the Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, October 2, during their regular meeting at 7 PM. Lapinski will coordinate publishing the notice.

Parks Comm.: **Grove Hill** – discussion, Eggle and Akers walked around park area, trees and upkeep. Consider aesthetic as well as safety. How much do we want to invest?
Center Lake – Fire Dept. used intake for water during the TV 9&10 structure fire on Grove Hill August 30/31. Cut back on toilet service October. Email Restorative Lake Sciences to see if they can come to the October or November meeting and give a presentation to the Board (cc Eggle on email). Iler said that Mike Solomon from RLS lives in the Cadillac area.

Road Comm.: Eggle brought up that the committee now stands at three (Larry Thompson, Jim Peterson, and himself) we need a couple new people, and he is working on names to bring for nomination. Discussion of second application of brine. It is getting late in the season and rains precluded it being placed earlier. Motion by Nemish to cancel second contract with Co. Road Comm. For second application of brine at \$13,494, 2nd ?Johns or Black?, motion carried.

Cemetery: Calkins reported on foundations for persons placing a headstone prior to their decease. Issues in section “I”. Apparently originally laid out for lots with four places but later sold with lots for eight places. Concern how to deal with future roadway/walkway where burials are already encroaching on it. Bolduc mentioned how the original survey of the new section “M” is fatally flawed a) places the deceased laying north to south whereas the old section has them laying east to west, b) does not match up driveways with the old section, and c) has each plot at a 36 inch (3 ft) width different from the old at 48 inch (4 ft). Current industry standard for vaults etc. is 48 inches (4 ft). Bolduc would like to have a re-survey done in the next 12 months. She would also like to have a committee to discuss plantings something to replace the dying perimeter spruce, to plant something in the new section for shade trees to already be established when we do at a future date open that section, and as recommended by our insurance risk review do an update of the cemetery ordinance as it is overdue.

Correspondence: Bolduc and Eggle had items 1) FOIA from “Emily” for election materials including copies of ballots cast in the November 2016 election, 2) L-4029 2018 Tax Rate Request forms from Marion schools, Wexford Missaukee Intermediate School District, and Pine River Area Schools, 3) City of Cadillac MI, re applying biosolids on land in

Sherman Twp owned by John and John D. Langworthy, 4) copy of letter from St. Dept. of Treasury to Rosie McKinstry Equalization Director regarding our Twp's reappraisal for 2019 and email between Eggle and McKinstry re the same, 5) letter by Eggle re 2019 scrap tire collection agreement, 6) info from web by St. Dept. of Treasury re overview of 2018 Local Comm. Stabilization Authority Act Amendments.

Old Business:

Assessment Rev.: See power point copy of slide. See, as listed in correspondence, copy of letter from Heather S. Frick re: re-appraisal.

Zoning: Public Hearing conducted by the PC is scheduled for October 2, 2018.

Center Lake: Nothing further.

Area Fire Radio: Already covered, see earlier in meeting.

New Business:

C.L. Park Resolut.: Ordinance was written and emailed to members. Bolduc recommended a couple of minor edits, and then failed to print and bring to the meeting. Item tabled until October. In the mean time, Eggle will forward it to Osceola Co. Sheriff and Prosecutor for their review and possible input.

General Election: Preparations underway and going well.

Nominations R.C. & ZBA:

The Road Committee and ZBA both have empty seats, Eggle is working on some nominations which he will bring to the board in the coming months.

Risk Mitigation: Next month we will have a chart and divide responsibilities for the areas where we need to make some changes or add some features, such as emergency lighting in case of fire and smoke or loss of electricity.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed attached power point slides of the upcoming months.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:03 PM. There were three comments, and public comment closed at 9:10 PM. (One was the idea to provide a generator or hook-up for such so the Hall could possibly be used as a shelter for the community.)

Adjourn: Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 9:10 PM, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.