

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
October 13, 2015

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** David Eggle.
- Guests:** 7-10 guests (several people came and then left during the 1st Public Comment time).
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bolduc with Prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Meeting Chair:** Motion by Akers, 2nd Black, for Bolduc to chair the meeting. Motion passed.
- Public Comment:** Ed Morton RE Closed session last meeting: is still wondering “why” and would like explanation.
- Bolduc restated that it was to consult with our attorney about his written opinion concerning the proposed 7.9e section of the zoning ordinance.
- Clerk’s Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on September 9, 2015 were read. Motion to approve minutes as presented, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer’s Report:** Report for September was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$82,277.25, Receipts \$233.39, Disbursements \$8,539.73, Ending balance \$73,960.91. This includes \$308.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,935.24 Receipts \$2.77 Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,938.01. General Fund Total ending balance \$172,898.92.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$65,587.58 Receipts \$7.13, Disbursements \$13,242.00, Ending balance \$52,352.71, Encumbered \$82,062.00 billed through 9/2016.
- Motion to accept September report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$1,738.73 Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Black, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer present. He discussed; the Veterans’ Liaison and Council on Aging half time position not yet filled. The county would like it to be filled with someone who is a Veteran. Senior Citizens in Tustin are complaining about some damage to the parking lot of the building they use for dinners etc. from the EMS building program. The County will be resolving this problem. Sheriff’s office and jail renovation 90% complete. Work is moving forward nicely on the Tustin EMS building. Comm. Gregory did not attend this month.

- Fire Board Report:** Akers reviewed minutes from the September Fire Board for which Art (Mike) Black took minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reviewed the PC meeting. There were no permits issued. One had penalty payments due and paid. The PC discussed the HAZMAT clean-up, zoning ordinance section 7.9e, and the PVP opinion received from Nathan Piwowarski.
- Parks Comm.:** Akers reported that the lake survey which got postponed to the 29th of September was completed successfully. We can expect a report and the bill by next month. The old picnic tables as mentioned last month have been moved. Interested parties are mulling over plans to rework the parking lot of the Center Lake Park including possibly using a roundabout. Several people are looking into re-checking the exact height of Grove Hill using more advanced techniques, and finding out what we can do to regain the title of highest spot in N lower Michigan.
- Road Comm.:** Morton reported there was no committee meeting in October. Current millage expires in the fall of 2016. The committee is discussing placing a renewal millage question on a ballot in 2016 (August or November).
- Correspondence:** From– Municipal Retirement Systems, Inc ref new fees on accounts and rules
DEQ ref Meekhof Diary and water use for ag irrigation
Patty McKerney request info about October HAZMAT
Ron Moesta open letter to Board and PC re 7.9e and PVP
Rich Jacobs Osceola Co. PC info from ordinance changes in Mason Co.
OCTA meeting announcement and info handed out at OCTA
Osceola Animal Control ref Twp Supervisor responsibility when dogs at large are involved in killing cattle and cattle owner makes claims against wrongful loss – ref back to State Dog law of 1919.
- Old Business:**
- EMS Situation:** Construction work continues on the Tustin EMS building. No further updates.
- Twp Roads 2015:** Done earlier in the meeting.
- Maple Hill Cem:** Ironing out details. This should be completed by next meeting.
- Tech:** Main problem needing to coordinate a strong internet connection with the tower computer at the Hall to load the BS&A program. Black to continue to work on this with Bolduc helping as needed.
- Center Lake Issues:** Nothing further at this time.
- Zoning 7.9e:** We are in a holding pattern with nothing further to report at this time.
- PVP:** We are waiting to hear responses from Senator Booher’s office and the Attorney General’s office on whether or not they will take this under advisement.
- New Business:**
- Tire Clean-up 2016:** Peggy Hoard is seeking commitments for participants on the Tier Clean-up in 2016. A short discussing by board members with Akers motioning for Sherman Twp to participate in a tire clean up over the warm season in 2016, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Future Elections: Bolduc mentioned a list of dates when elections will take place in 2016. Specifically as it relates to the Fire and Road millage. Ballot proposals for the 2016 year must be submitted early: for the August ballot wording must be passed on to the county clerk by May 10 and by August 16 for the November ballot. Also of note, the Presidential primary will not be allowing other items on the presidential primary ballot.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub. Comment: Ed Morton RE: closed session. Disappointed that the Board went into closed session for discussion on PVP and lawyers opinion and wondering how the Atty General getting into our ordinance might end up.

Keith Calkins RE: Grove Hill. At a previous meeting it was mentioned that Grove Hill lost the title of Highest spot in MI to a human altered ski hill. Wondered by how many feet Grove Hill would need to be reconstructed to regain that title?

Nehmer stated that the BOC agreed to store a Fire dept. Jeep over winter in the county's building in Tustin.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 7:59 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.