

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**JUNE 12, 2018**

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 10 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Akers followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:01 PM. There were two and public comment closed at 7:08 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on May 8, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as amended Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$114,599.36, Receipts \$259.84, Disbursements \$9,879.24, Ending balance \$104,979.96. This includes \$347.00 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CDs: Beginning balance \$129,891.12, Receipts \$4.31, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,895.43. General Fund Total ending balance \$234,875.39. Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$105,998.61, Receipts \$13.14, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$106,011.75. Encumbered \$. Motion to accept May report as presented, Akers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Akers to pay monthly bills \$5,196.30 from General Fund, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Historical Picture:** Eggle opened the floor to Mary Lou Shattilly who presented to the Township, on behalf of herself and her family, a framed picture collage of their family in Sherman Township and their farm dating to the 1911 era. The request is to placed this collage on the wall of the Twp Hall for public display or be returned to Mary Lou Shattilly. Motion by Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black, to accept the donation of Shattilly/Eggle family history picture collage, see attached photocopy, and place it among the other historical pictures on display on the walls of the Hall. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer was able to attend and updated the Board on items which the BOC is dealing with. He also related that both of Commissioner Gregory's parents are in a home which is why we have not been seeing as much of him lately. There are concerns for the EMS to receive an outside independent review of policies and personnel, etc. This item has gone out for bids and the BOC is waiting to get those back and progress from there. Both Nehmer and Gregory are running again for their respective seat on the BOC this election cycle.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the May Fire Board meeting, see attached.

**Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There were no permits issued. Eggle will devote extra time on the July agenda for the Zoning Ordinance. It will then go to the County, and we will hold a public hearing etc. (due to the extensive number of minor editorial changes and sentences re-phrasings) before adoption. Report from Grugal that less cars at the 140<sup>th</sup> and 20 Mile homes where he has spoken to residents about this issue. Shed on 130<sup>th</sup> between 21 and 22 Mile Roads is NOT being used for living quarters just for storage and occasional card games when the owners are having deer camp, etc. Sign section of the ordinance not revised, but when questioned the PC felt that the quilt blocks were NOT a violation of the ordinance. PC further felt that the internet advertising type signs which we have seen popping up along the road ways were a violation.

**Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill – check with Kater about cutting leaning trees. Akers and Bolduc received email from DeVries which looked like an invoice for mowing and work done at the park. Discussion. We need to have someone other than a ZBA or PC member doing this work, so DeVries was not specifically asked to do this work this year. Apparently he was going off what was done last year and some how we failed to notify him that Kater would be taking over this mowing. Akers will talk with DeVries, and following clarification of amounts, we will plan to pay him what is owed next month. Center Lake – not sure what Restorative Lake Sciences has done or not done yet. Some general notice of treatment has gone out.

**Road Comm.:** Morton reviewed meetings of Twp Road Committee and County Road Commission. Per what Morton observed, the CRC has presented a poor showing in the manner they treat citizens who come to them with concerns and presentations.

**Correspondence:** Bolduc had 8 items 1) Thank you from Tustin Community Library, 2) Osceola-Lake Conservation District soliciting our joining the HAZMAT clean-up and increasing our donation for such, 3) Central MI Dist. Health Dept. Beach monitoring notice, 4) MTA on membership, 5) Beckett & Raeder re: Clam Lake Master Plan adoption, 6) MI Twp Par Plan re: our member return of \$108.47, 7) Rose Lake re: financials on Maple Hill Cemetery, 8) PLM Lake and Land Management Corp Notice of chemicals used in 2018 in Center Lake.

**Old Business:**

**Assessment Rev.:** See Supervisors power point printout attached. 50% of Residential completed and 97% of Ag.

**Cemetery:**

Keith Calkins reviewed items which he has worked on and areas which need attention. These include: opening the cemetery and turning on the water for the season, getting the bigger lawn “tractor” working to haul items back and forth, placing veteran flags, emptying the trash frequently pre-Memorial day, and facilitating cremains burials (3), locating placements of full burials (2) and pouring a footing. Eggle suggested that we set up a file, i.e. a management plan, prioritize items to work on, and start working down the list. Discussion of the illogical orientation of the survey done for the new section of cemetery (to the east of the current sections labeled section M). Bolduc recommended that we write up a bid request and get it re-surveyed so that next planting season we can plant some slow growing trees. Spruce on perimeter are dying. Several more will likely need to come out this year. Bolduc mentioned planting lilacs as a screening plant. Further discussion necessary. Ground penetrating radar quote to

have a company come do this \$4,000. To rent equipment and do the work ourselves \$1,000 per week. Recommend start with this in the old section A, B, C, D.

**Zoning:** Held over to July meeting.

**Center Lake:** Nothing further.

**150 Years:** Yard signs and buttons to advertise our celebration and picnic. Plans are being made and set in motion. We have an active committee of board members and citizens working on this. Several are also working on some “housekeeping” and “maintenance” issues around the outside of the hall.

Resolution 20180612, see attached, to officially adopt the Township Flag offered by Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Black, roll call vote 5 yes to 0 no, resolution is adopted.

**Area Fire Radio:** Akers has communicated with Verizon. Updates to follow.

**Tire Clean-up:** Eggle reported, see attached power point slide printout. Sherman will provide helpers on Wednesday, June 27, from 8-9:30 AM. Citizens can drop off tires whenever they are accepting not just when we are working.

**New Business:**

**BOR:** July BOR (Board of Review) will be Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 9 AM. This is NOT a petition session but one to correct mutual mistakes of fact, etc.

**Historical Picture:** See earlier in meeting.

**Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed attached power point slides of the upcoming months. Primary Election August 7, 2018.

**Announcements:** Thank you to Akers for his dedicated years of service spanning many decades in various capacities most recently his term as trustee. Motion by Eggle to accept with great regret and reluctance Akers resignation effective June 30, 2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish, vote Passed 3 yes to 1 no. Eggle and Nemish to meet with potential nominees and finalize a nomination for the July meeting.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:14 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:16 PM.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:16 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.