

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
APRIL 12, 2016

Members Present: Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.

Member Absent: Don Akers.

Guests: 21 people.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.

Public Comment: George Gilmore RE running for State Rep (Republican): gave a campaign presentation and took comments/questions.

3 people made comments taking up about 10 minutes of the meeting.

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the regular meeting on March 15, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Black, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for March was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$76,748.79, Receipts \$33,192.29, Disbursements \$12,244.15, Ending balance \$97,696.33. This includes \$308.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,951.71, Receipts \$0, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,951.71. General Fund Total ending balance \$196,648.04.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$501.70, Receipts \$.06, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$501.76. Encumbered \$25,406.00 billed through 9/2016.

Motion to accept March report as presented, Nemish, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Bills: Bills were presented and discussed, note that several are annual bills. Motion to pay bills totaling \$7,934.56 from General Fund, Nemish, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Commissioner Nehmer in attendance. He reviewed relevant info. from the Co. Commissioners and indicated that his wife is still sick to the point of needing a care giver when he is away from home. Of note, Osceola Co. has been asked, for pay, to continue housing Wexford Co. overflow inmates for another year. Staffing changes within the Building Inspector's office including using BS&A software program. Nehmer left after presenting.

Fire Board Report: Art (Mike) Black in the absence of Akers presented both March Fire Board minutes and Annual meeting minutes, see attached.

Plan Commission: Nemish report the PC had no permits. May meeting moved to Wednesday, May 4 at 7 PM due to election conflict.

Parks Comm.: Discussion Center Lake. John Iler spoke briefly on the weed control issue, and Will Gasper on the round-a-bout.

Road Comm.: Ed Morton reported on the last meeting. Discussion of re-paving 150th Ave between 21 & 22 Mile Roads. County discussing taking over all maintenance of the 130th/135th corridor from 20 Mile North to Hwy 115. Gravel road ditching: current model has Twps paying 75% of those costs. Eggle reported on our annual 30 minutes with the Co. Road Commission.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Center Lake Issues: Covered earlier.

Zoning 7.9e: Eggle made some comments and read an email dated 3/31/16, see attached. Eggle has reached out to SOS group, in particular Harvey Langworthy. Eggle invited Harvey Langworthy to speak at this time. Eggle's recommendation is to proceed with limits on the ZBA, but wait on the PVP until more municipalities have enacted it and we see how it holds up in the courts. Bolduc read a letter from Akers, see attached. No motions were taken. More next month.

Assessor Position: Twp has received four resumes for consideration, see power point printout for names. Interviews are set up. Eggle, Black and Rosie from Co. Equalization office to conduct them. All people will be asked the same basic questions. Eggle & Black will make a recommendation for whom to hire following interviews.

Tire Clean-up 2016: June 16, 2016, first time slot of the day, for our Twp people to volunteer to loading tires. New this year, citizens from any Twp can BRING tires on ANY DAY, not just the day that their Twp is volunteering to load!

Bureau

Ballot Wording: Eggle reviewed our wording options. Following minimal discussion, motion by Bolduc, 2nd by Black to use option #3. "As a renewal of a previously approved millage authorization that expired with the 2015 tax levy, shall Sherman Township impose up to 2 mills (\$2 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for four years, 2016 through 2019 inclusive, to be held and managed in a separate account, solely for the maintenance of roads within Sherman Township? This 2-mill increase will raise an estimated \$65,000 in the first year the millage is levied. Yes No." Passed 4 yes, 0 no.

New Business:

May Election: Bolduc reviewed process of voting on election inspectors. State Bureau of Elections during training cycle pointed out it is the Election Commission (Clerk, Treasurer and Supervisor), not the whole board who votes on election workers. This should be done at a separate meeting and minutes need to be kept. Public Test will be Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 10 AM.

Cemetery Sexton: Bolduc discovered during a conversation with the Burdell Twp Clerk that Planning Commission members can not hold any other Twp position. Even an unrelated position such as sexton or election worker. John Langworthy will no longer be sexton. Bolduc motion to have Gloria Langworthy, former Clerk, take over as sexton effective immediately, she has been working side by side with John for years and knows the job already, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Co. Hazard Plan: The County has sent each Twp a document titled “Resolution # (with blank for us to add a number) a resolution of Sherman Township adopting the Osceola County Hazard Mitigation Plan”. Eggle reviewed briefly and asked time line, since we just received it this evening. We will review further and vote on this next month.

Announcements: Eggle announced that he is running for Twp Supervisor.

ZBA Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 7 PM.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eleven people (including board members) made comments taking up about 30 minutes of time.

Adjourn: Motion by Nemish to adjourn into after 9:30 PM, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.