

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle.
- Member Absent:** Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 12 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 7:03 PM. There were 6 comments and public comment closed about 7:13 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on July 12, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Akers, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for July was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$101,064.95, Receipts \$552.02, Disbursements \$11,589.11, Ending balance \$90,027.86. This includes \$146.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$99,180.60, Receipts \$132.85, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,313.45. General Fund Total ending balance \$189,341.31.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$39,995.25, Receipts \$4.91, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$40,000.16. Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept July report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$6,135.12 from General Fund, Akers, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither county commissioner attended.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented July Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish is out of town and couldn't make it back in time for the meeting. Bolduc has received correspondence from Verizon Wireless indicating that they are looking into building a cell tower in Sherman Township. Several possible locations including near 160th Ave. and 20 Mile Rd.
- Parks Comm.:** Nothing to report.
- Road Comm.:** Ed Morton Sherman Road Committee sees the millage passage as a vote of confidence in what we have been doing. Road Committee recommending a second brine

application. Roads either re-paved or tar/chipped this season have not been striped yet.

Correspondence: 1) MTA training flier.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill – project at a stand still waiting for heat to lessen. Top soil will be donated and we need to acquire some netting.

Center Lake – circle is aesthetically plain. Group who planned the circle suggested planing spreading yew or some other low maintenance plant and will work toward that end if that is approved by the board. Board didn't take a vote, but was favorable to the plan.

Zoning ordinance: Eggle reviewed time line to date and where we are currently. Suggested a motion to amend the zoning ordinance, see attached page. Comments made by Black and Akers that neither could support 11.5b as proposed by Atty Zites in her letter to SOS.

Tire Clean-up 2016: See attached final numbers for 2016 from Peggy Hoard. It was well done!

Co. Hazard Plan: Nothing new. Remove from agenda.

Elections: Bolduc reported on the August Primary. Very smooth. Super staff which work well as a team. Looking forward to November!

New Business:

Cemetery Items: Bolduc asked if there were any recommended sign vendors she has noted several between here and Traverse City.

Mail Box Issue: Bolduc reviewed the mail box situation where the Post Office has refused to renew the forwarding order, and we must ensure prompt receipt of any mail delivered due to the FOIA stipulations.

Upcoming Dates: Eggle reviewed on a power point slide dates for Public Hearing and Meetings.

Announcements: Public Hearing to cover removal of 8.2e Listing of Utility-Grid Wind Energy Systems as a use requiring a Site Plan Review, two suggested additions by Atty Zites, and ZBA changes as suggested by Keith Calkins. See attached copy of notice sent to the newspaper.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:22 PM. There were 4 comments from the public and 2 from board members, and public comment closed at 8:30 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Eggle to adjourn at 8:30 PM, 2nd Akers. Passed.