

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 12 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Eggle followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on January 12, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for January was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$78,408.67, Receipts \$232.83, Disbursements \$8,581.99, Ending balance \$70,059.51. This includes \$308.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,946.16, Receipts \$2.77, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,946.16. General Fund Total ending balance \$169,008.44.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$501.64, Receipts \$.06, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$501.70, Encumbered \$25,406.00 billed through 9/2016.
- Motion to accept January report as presented, Akers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$2,300.79 from General Fund Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner could attend this meeting and no written report was received.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers accidently left the report at home and will present both January and February next month. (January FB Minutes will be attached in the board book as per usual.)
- Plan Commission:** Nemish report the PC had no agenda items and no building permits to report at their last meeting. There was a question on a new home going up on 130<sup>th</sup> on the East side about 1/3 of a mile North of 20 Mile Rd. No permit had been pulled. Nemish reported that the owner has paid the \$200 late fee since the PC meeting.
- Parks Comm.:** Discussion. Center Lake – Moving forward with both the Milfoil treatment, pending signed contract with all parties, and roundabout/changes to parking at the Twp Park. Grove Hill – Akers asked permission to ask citizens and local businesses for help (such as earth moving or dirt/gravel) to raise the height of the hill to return it to its status of the highest point in Lower MI. That status was lost when a ski hill was

created to the North West of us. Proposal to raise the Hill with a nicely arranged berm of soil and or rock with vegetation to cover by 9 feet. Recommend that we ask the County for input/permission since we have the Park on a 99 year lease. Akers to contact commissioner for that area Jack Nehmer.

- Road Comm.:** Met last week. Elected officers: Eggle remains secretary, Morton Chair and Johns Vice Chair.  
Whitley from CLBC attended doing some fact finding regarding improvements they want to do on the road into CLBC from 20 Mile.  
The Road Comm. Also discussed gravel road issues. Morton brought it up with the County Road Commission and when Spring comes he will get with Foreman Jerry Nelson or Luke Houlton to work on a resolution. The Co. is anticipating some funds from the State in late 2017. Co. is recommending the twps to try for millages. Houlton discussing possible changes to how the percentages work if the State funds work out.
- Correspondence:** From – (1) a filer about a pipeline safety class offered at various locations around the region. (2) email from Dan Massey regarding hits to our website (see attached). (3) Letter of resignation from Roy Kissenger as assessor for Sherman Twp (and other Twp’s where he is not also the supervisor). His last day will be May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Recommendation to make a public announcement of the need for a new assessor and to publish on our website and in the Cadillac paper. Bolduc to consult with Baird, Cotter and Bishop and our Attorney to be sure we get our wording right.
- Old Business:**
- Center Lake Issues:** Covered previously.
- Zoning 7.9e:** Nothing new.
- PVP AG Opinion:** Nothing to report. Nemish, “I don’t agree with requesting opinion.”
- New Business:**
- Ballot Wording:** The Board discussed the difference it would make to call the Road Millage a “renewal” vs. asking outright for millage. Renewal millage is subject to the Headlee Roll Back and last year our 2 mills was reduced to 1.9888. The question is, “will the voters be more likely to approve a renewal or a request for 2 mills?” We will get wording proposals from our Attorney and revisit this issue next month.
- Adjust FY15/16:** Bolduc reported changes (see attached) which need to be made to the current FY. Those were reviewed. Motion to shift funds as presented Akers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.
- Budget FY16/17:** Bolduc presented a budget proposal which keeps proposed spending well within our current funds plus our expected income. The Board reviewed it area by area. Discussion. Determined that we should add to the line for Assessor Salary since we don’t know what to expect there. Motion to approve Budget with changes to Assessor Salary with understanding that current funds amount will be adjusted just prior to the March Annual meeting Nemish, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.

**Voted Account Bud:** Bolduc presented a simple in out budget for the voted millage accounts Fire and Roads together. Discussion. Motion to accept as presented Black, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eggle. Passed.

**Fire Repeater:** Fire District has requested to place a radio repeater test tower on Akers' land. Akers asked if the Board thought there would be a conflict of interest. Since there is no money being paid and it is community service related, the Board felt it was fine. If testing goes well, the FB might want to erect a 50' tower which has been donated to them. Recommendation to check with Grugal regarding needed permits.

**Election Workers:** Bolduc presented the names of Teresa Pierce, Ken Neuman, Elna Sherman and herself Bethany Bolduc to work the March 8, 2016 Presidential Primary Election. Motion Eggle to accept this list, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.

**BOR Guidelines:** Motion by Akers for the BOR (Board of Review) to use the current Federal Poverty guidelines when calculating and determining hardship exemptions, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed. This is a renewal of resolution 2102015 passed last year.

Eggle motioned for BOR to follow resolution 202015-B "Resolution to allow local residents to protest in writing, telephonically, in person or by personal representative" once again this year, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.

**Announcements:** Akers has crafted a lovely wooden display case for the 1878 Osceola Co. Atlas which was graciously donated by Virginia Franke Salisbury. The case has been placed against the North wall (the one opposite of where the Board normally sits).

Election public test on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, at 10 AM.

**Ext. Pub Comment:** Harvey Langworthy RE Roads: speaking personally not for SOS. "Road millage concerned with the job that's being done. The whole world is in trouble – Europe, China. Think that a millage is there a remedy if everything falls apart or would people have to pass a petition. If Hillary gets re-elected, oops, elected or Saunders we're in deep trouble." Commented regarding work on 180<sup>th</sup> Ave near his property. He is not in favor of millage. "Do a better job on the dirt roads out there."

**Adjourn:** Motion by Bolduc to adjourn at 8:37 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.