

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish..
- Guests:** 9 people including Commissioner Gregory.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Eggle followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Ed Morton RE Twp Roads: would like the Board to consider road millage renewal.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on December 8, 2015, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes with correction, removal of "in it" on p. 3 section Brink's framing Akers, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$69,159.18, Receipts \$15,702.61, Disbursements \$6,453.12, Ending balance \$78,408.67. This includes \$308.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,943.47, Receipts \$2.69, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,946.16. General Fund Total ending balance \$177,354.83.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$20,350.00, Receipts \$1.64, Disbursements \$19,850.00, Ending balance \$501.64, Encumbered \$25,406.00 billed through 9/2016.
- Motion to accept December report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$2,011.17 from General Fund Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory was present. Major item was announcement of the EMS open house at the NEW Tustin EMS building on Thursday, January 28, 2016, from 4 to 7 PM.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers reviewed the minutes from the December Fire Board meeting, see attached. The Fire board FY 16/17 budget was reviewed. Motion to accept Fire Board budget for FY 16/17 as presented Eggle, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish report two permits and discussion at the last PC meeting.
- Parks Comm.:** Eggle reported discussion with Dwayne Whitley from Center Lake Bible Camp (CLBC) regarding invasive species. Whitley would like to be part of the ad hoc committee. See attached report for dissuasion to date. Treatment is not going to be a one and done. Current plan is for CLBC and Ketunnen Center to each pay one third

(1/3) of the treatment cost, for the Center Lake Preservation Association (the residents and personal land owners) along with the Twp to split the remaining one third (1/3) and for Sherman Township to be the fiduciary. Akers will call a meeting (using the phone to include H. John Iler as the resident's representative who is currently in AZ) as soon as possible. An agreement will be drawn up and presented next month. The consensus is to move forward as quickly as we can to be sure and get the beginning work done this spring.

- Road Comm.:** Morton and Eggle lead discussion of what we have done to date with the millage soon to finish and the pros and cons of requesting a renewal of 2 mills road millage. Specifically they pointed out some areas where we have needs and hopes for future work. This included issues with several gravel roads, 21 Mile, 22 Mile, 140th, and 19 Mile to name a few. Also presented a letter from John and Gloria Langworthy, 19 Mile Rd., RE: road maintenance issues.
- Correspondence:** From – (1) Osceola Co. Community Development office RE: Twp website and request for annual payment (included in bills). (2) Waste Management included with invoice a list of items the State of MI has prohibited from placement in landfills; therefore, we should not just throw these items in the trash. Of note was “Beverage containers” applying to any item with a 10¢ deposit/refund available. (3) Consumers Energy notice of installation of a smart meter. (4) DNR copy of an application for Natural Rivers Permit increase in fish habitats by placing tree and brush structures on Poplar Creek impacting the greater Pine River system. (5) John and Gloria Langworthy email RE: 19 Mile road and Twp gravel roads in general.
- Old Business:**
- EMS Situation:** Eggle announced that this item is now considered completed and will be retired from the agenda!
- Twp Roads 2016:** Eggle motioned following discussion a ballot initiative for renewing road millage of 2 mills for 4 years to be on the August 2016 ballot, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Center Lake Issues:** Dwayne Whitney arrived at the meeting and voiced some thoughts RE: invasive species issue. Other aspects covered previously.
- Zoning 7.9e:** Nothing new.
- PVP AG Opinion:** Nemish questioned Piwowarski corresponding with SOS atty K. Zites and feels that he should not.
- Twp Email:** Discussion. Several members felt it was not worth their time and wished to stick with the personal email they currently use. Eggle said that he will create a gmail account.
- Newsletter:** Discussion. Maybe front and back with no envelope? Question amount of time to put it together etc. Bolduc indicated that she could have it ready to mail by the end of the month. Eggle motion to produce a newsletter with publication date no later than 1/31/2016 and compensate Bolduc for 8 hours work at \$12.13 (line 37 Fee Structure Secretarial rate), 2nd Black. Passed.
- Budget FY16/17:** Bolduc reported changes to the IRS mileage rate (see attached chart) and proposed that

we alter our rate as we have done the last few years to match the IRS business rate. Motion by Eggle to make Sherman Township mileage reimbursing rate at the same as the publish IRS business rate for 2016 of 54¢ per mile effective immediately, 2nd Black. Passed.

New Business:

ZBA Nomination: Discussion of terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals which are ending. Eggle nominated Keith Hammond, Doug De Vries, and Keith Calkins to another term of three years, 2nd Akers. Passed

Road Comm. Position:

Eggle reported discussion with Dave Johns, he had previously been on our Road Committee, asking him to come back, and he indicated that he could. Black nominated Dave Johns to sit on the Twp Road Committee, 2nd Akers. 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: Kimberly Leonard RE Energy and moratoriums: State now has a goal not a mandate for renewable power by 2025. In Iceland turbines are smaller and more efficient. Burdell Twp has had a moratorium, since December 2014, on Marijuana sales locations and wind generation systems. Asked if we would consider having a moratorium on wind generation for Sherman Twp. Also mentioned mortgage companies not loaning money on homes near wind turbines.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:20 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.