

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JULY 12, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 18 people (Including a County Commissioner and a State Rep. Candidate).
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.
- Candidate:** Jason Wentworth running for the 97th District State Rep. On the Republican ticket presented about his campaign and took questions.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:13 PM. There were 3 comments and public comment closed at 7:18 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on June 9, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$91,053.12, Receipts \$21,075.18, Disbursements \$11,063.35, Ending balance \$101,064.95. This includes \$28.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$99,112.94, Receipts \$67.66, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,180.60. General Fund Total ending balance \$200,245.55.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$39,950.80, Receipts \$44.55, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$39,995.25. Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept June report as presented, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$2,129.62 from General Fund, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda, Black, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory in attendance. Work going on for the Marion Council on Aging building. Commissioners working to figure out how to best use the Annex space opened by the library moving and court house security. Eggle asked if there were questions?
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented June Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Iler commented on consistency for zoning amendment requests. Discussion of removing 8.2e as it also has reference to Wind Turbines. PC Secretary caught this reference during her work to prepare for possibly removing other areas as requested by Iler. Several questions to forward on to the Board. Keith Calkins acting in his position as ZBA chair requested an amendment (covered later in these minutes).

Parks Comm.: Discussion Center Lake. John Iler reported that we are now waiting on Restorative Lakes to do a post treatment survey. The native plants seem to be doing fine in the treated area, and the loons have two chicks! Of interests is that loons keep ducks and geese away and therefore no swimmers itch in Center Lake!

Road Comm.: Ed Morton reported on the July meeting. 150th done except for the markings and 130/135th & 23 Mile seal coat to be done by August 1st.

Correspondence: 1) MTA membership for 2016/17, 2) Dept. of Licensing & Reg. Affairs video franchise activity letter, 3) Central MI Dist. Health Dept. Beach monitoring letter, 4) review of recent risk management assessment from MI Twp Par Plan .

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill –Dirt has been donated and delivered. Akers is waiting for a time when volunteers can gathers to shape the mound. Then we will get some straw for mulch. Doug DeVries is helping with mowing and garbage.

Center Lake –The basics of the project are complete.

Zoning 7.9e: Eggle requested that during our round table discussion time we include Keith Calkins acting as ZBA Chair and Harvey Langworthy President of SOS.

Reviewed and discussed the following documents, see attached, original proposed amendments presented by John Iler, email from Atty Nathan Piwowarski, two letters dated June 2 and July 8 to Harvey Langworthy from Atty Karrie Zeits, proposed zoning amendments from Keith Calkins, and proposed motion to accept Iler and Calkins amendments.

Keith Calkins amendment is to limit ZBA authority restating what is already understood from MI State Law that the ZBA would not have authority to issue a USE variance. Under the proposed changes the ZBA could only issue a dimensional variance.

Nemish summarized the PC position. The PC liked what both Iler and Calkins were proposing vs. the +2 that were proposed by Atty Zites. The PC also discussed other aspects of the ordinance.

Tire Clean-up 2016: Still going on for a couple additional dates as listed previously. Eggle reviewed numbers to date of tires turned in, see attached printout of email from Peggy Hoard.

Co. Hazard Plan: Nothing new. Co. Person working on this issue is out of the office this summer.

Annual Picnic: Picnic scheduled for July 17, 2016, from 1-3 PM.

August Primary: Bolduc reviewed upcoming Primary. Issuing of AV ballots is moving along smoothly.

New Business:

Fire Millage: Reviewed proposed Resolution 20160712 to place on the November ballot a request

for a renewal of 2 mills specifically for fire protection. Motion Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed, see attached resolution.

Cemetery Items: Reviewed need for new signs. Bolduc will do some research and report back. Sexton Gloria Langworthy brought up that there are 6-8 trees which need to be removed for safety concerns. Tim from Aspen will help identify which ones need to be removed and along with his crew will do the work. Pointed out that since we paid the last person who mowed Grove Hill park we should also pay DeVries.

July BOR: July Board of Review Monday, July 18, 2016. This session is not for individual petitions. It is for principle residence and veteran exemptions as well as mutual mistakes of fact. Eggle anticipates 4 or 5 items to review.

Upcoming Dates: Eggle reviewed on a power point slide dates for Picnic, BOR, Meetings, and Tire clean-up.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:54 PM. There were 4 comments, and public comment closed at 9:00 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:00 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.