

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 14, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** Sharon Black.
- Guests:** 9 people (Including County Commissioner and Co. Road Commissioner).
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:04 PM. There were 2 comments and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on May 10, 2016, were reviewed. Spelling was questioned and addition of who motioned and 2nd under Park Projects, Center Lake. Motion to approve amended minutes Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was read by the Clerk – Checking account: Beginning balance \$85,885.50, Receipts \$12,648.11, Disbursements \$7,480.49, Ending balance \$91,053.12. This includes \$358.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$99,110.26, Receipts \$2.68, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,112.94. General Fund Total ending balance \$190,116.06.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$65,348.77, Receipts \$8.03, Disbursements \$25,406.00, Ending balance \$39,950.80. Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept May report as presented, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$5,029.33 from General Fund, Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda, Nemish, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer in attendance. Reported on comparative figures for EMS responses in 2015 with first quarter of 2016. Question if EMS was making money on transports? Sheriff department selling 3 cars. Several departments vying for the Annex building basement where the Library used to be.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented May Fire Board minutes, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** There was 1 permit for a pole barn. A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment from John Iler. There was one public comment made. The PC was missing one member that evening. The vote was 4 to 0 to recommend the proposed amendment to the Board for consideration. Extended discussion including comments from the public.

Parks Comm.: Discussion Center Lake. John Iler reported application of chemicals was made under ideal weather conditions on May 25th, and the Milfoil is currently looking stressed. Assessed at 3.7 acres last fall there was at the time of treatment nearly 5 acres of covered area. The nesting loon area could not be treated during the May 25th chemical application.

Road Comm.: Ed Morton reported on the June meeting. Point of discussion was chip seal on 130th/23 Mile from Grove Hill to Hwy 115. (See attached proposed agreement with Co. Road Comm for work.)

Other info., Alan Gingrich attended; is seeking re-election. He answered questions from the public.

Correspondence: 1) Letter and flyer on the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in October for our county.
2) Letter and check from Michigan Townships Participating Plan (our insurance company) for dividend program. This year we got \$243.08 back.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill – The park had not been mowed, so Akers asked Doug DeVries from across the street to help which he did. Akers also removed the trash finding prescription bottles and other household waste. He will call the Sheriff department to see what we should do. Prescription was for a known addictive medication. Akers will meet soon with Josh Salisbury on the rock/gravel/dirt that is needed for the mound. As part of the project Akers recommended replacing deteriorated guard posts and will bring estimated cost. TV 9&10 will be moving their studio this fall to the Wilcox building in Cadillac.

Center Lake – Ilers are working with Akers on the roundabout.

Zoning 7.9e: Eggle once again reviewed some history of the 7.9e debate. Eggle reviewed what the Iler Amendment contained and an opinion letter from Karrie Zeits dated June 2, 2016. Eggle stated that he could support the Iler Amendment, and referenced a conversation with Harvey Langworthy regarding the 2 points requested by SOS as outlined in the letter from Zeits which they would accept along with taking Property Value Protection off the table. Eggle then opened up a “round table” discussion with all Board Members given time to voice thoughts as well as taking comments on this issue from, John Iler (as author of proposed amendment), Keith Calkins (as chair of the ZBA since part of amendment involves ZBA authorities), and Harvey Langworthy (as representative of SOS).

Tire Clean-up 2016: Two days away. June 16, 2016, our Twp volunteers to load tires first time slot of the day. New this year, citizens from any Twp can BRING tires on ANY DAY, not just the day that their Twp is loading! Also this year is the provision for “found on road” adding to the 7 tire per property limit.

Co. Hazard Plan: Nothing new. Need to check with Tasha Lapinski where we are on the edits to the document and move forward.

- Annual Picnic:** Picnic scheduled for July 17, 2016, from 1-3 PM. Possibly “Hats” as the theme.
- August Primary:** Bolduc reviewed upcoming Primary. Still have open training slots if anyone is interested. Preparations are moving forward.
- Newsletter:** Discussion of putting out a newsletter with the July Tax Bills. Decided to do a one page or less mini version with emphasis on dates of upcoming events.
- New Business:**
- Contract Chip/Seal:** Discussion of contract with Osceola Co. Road Commission to Chip/Seal 130th, 135th Ave, and 23 Mile from top of Grove Hill to Hwy 115 approx. 2.27 Miles. Eggle motion to approve changing the date on the contract to 5/25/2016 from 5/25/2015, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Cemetery Items:** Question came up of the condition of the Cemetery sign (one is laying on the ground). Bolduc mentioned that it might be nice to have new signs and include a link on it to our website where we have a copy of our rules brochure. Akers said he will wire the old sign to the fence as a temporary solution.
- July BOR:** July Board of Review is being planned for Monday, July 18, 2016 dependant on confirmation with all members.
- Announcements:** The Clerk will begin sending out Absentee Ballots within two weeks.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:25 PM. There was 1 comment, and public comment closed at 9:27 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:28 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.