

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 10, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 10 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 7:02 PM. There was 1 comment and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 12, 2016, were reviewed. Nemish pointed out that the Clerk had not changed the Treasurer's figures from the prior month. Motion to approve amended minutes to reflect the correct financial figures Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- The minutes from the Election Commission meeting on April 12, 2016, were reviewed. Motion by Black to approve as presented, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- The minutes from the special meeting on April 28, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes with the correction of possess to process under Assessor Position paragraph Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$97,696.33, Receipts \$657.25, Disbursements \$12,468.08, Ending balance \$85,885.50. This includes \$308.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,951.71, Receipts \$158.55, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,110.26. General Fund Total ending balance \$184,995.76.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$58,637.00, Receipts \$13,407.60, Disbursements \$6,695.83, Ending balance \$65,348.37. Encumbered \$25,406.00 billed through 9/2016.
- Motion to accept April report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$3,964.21 from General Fund, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda, Bolduc, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory in attendance. He reviewed relevant info. from the Co. including: Council on Aging in Marion, Reed City Library moving out of the Co. Annex building first half of June, otherwise business as usual! Eggle requested info on EMS runs including response times, so we can see how things are looking with the base in Tustin operational.

Fire Board Report: Akers presented April Fire Board minutes, see attached.

Plan Commission: Nemish reported the PC had 1 permit at Kettenun Center. John Iler presented a proposal for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance which would strike all references to Utility Grid Wind Turbines. There is a filing fee of \$125, and Iler has paid that fee. A Public Hearing is set for the 1st Tuesday in June at 7 PM as part of the regular PC meeting.

Parks Comm.: Discussion Center Lake. John Iler reported that residents have not received notice of application of treatment yet. (Application company must do this prior to treating.) John will send an email to Jennifer at RLS asking about a time line on this project.

Road Comm.: Ed Morton reported no meeting in May. On April 26, 2016, David Eggle, Dave Johns, and Ed Morton drove around the Twp and reviewed the gravel roads marking possible sites where repairs need to be done. May 10, 2016, Jerry Nelson a foreman with the road crew, and Greg H., went on a tour with a Twp representative to go over the places which were previously identified as needing work. The Co. will try and get pit run gravel and re-claim some gravel from ditches as well as possibly placing a geotec mat on 21 Mile through the swampy area. No firm dates for when this work will get done, but we're keeping the gears turning and keeping this issue before them.

Other info., the Co. has one grader per quadrant of the Co. Approximately 920 miles of roads in the Co. of those 500 miles are gravel. Call 911 if there is a road emergency such as a tree across the road, and they will call out the road workers.

Correspondence: Thank you from Tustin Library for our annual donation.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill – Akers called McQuestion's about dirt for the mound/berm. They offered to donate a portion of the estimated cost leaving us to pay \$300. Nemish contacted Salisbury's Trucking and they offered to donate the dirt/rock AND delivery leaving us with \$0 to pay. Iler will donate grass seed. Akers will schedule a workbee and let board members and interested parties know.

Center Lake – Akers presented the plan to create a round-a-bout in the middle of the gravel "parking" area, to designate 7 parking spots for regular vehicles and 2 for vehicles with boat trailers, and to place a light on a pole in the center of the round-a-bout. Estimated cost of materials and electrician \$2,100, most of the work will be done by volunteers. Motion to authorize work to begin, expenditures up to \$3,000 for Center Lake parking lot and park improvements and a request for a hard copy of the plan presented at the June meeting Nemish, 2nd Black or Bolduc. Passed.

Zoning 7.9e: Eggle re-stated briefly where we are with this proposed amendment. We are currently looking at answering the concerns of several citizens by placing within the zoning verbiage a limit on what the ZBA can give variance for should there ever be an appeal to a permit. Our attorney has provided some potential language, see attached. Harvey Langworthy has been given a copy of this proposed language which he is taking to the lawyer retained by SOS. Eggle asked Harvey Langworthy with the response that he

has not heard back from the lawyer on the ZBA limit proposal. On the issue of removing all reference to utility turbines from the ordinance, he has just recently given that to the lawyer for review.

Our lawyer, Nathan Piwowarski, provided an opinion on Iler's requested amendment. There was further discussion. Eggle proposed to work on both the requested language stripping amendment and ZBA limiting provision on a parallel track. Bolduc argued that the amendment request should be given full and fair consideration first, which process includes a public hearing, and a decision reached before making any decisions on the ZBA issue.

Tire Clean-up 2016: 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. We want to clean up our land, so bring those tires in!

Ballot Wording: Road Millage verbiage along with all names and info of persons running for Twp office were presented to the Co. well within the time limitations.

New Business:

August Primary: Bolduc reviewed upcoming Primary. Request for persons interested in being election workers to let her office know.

Co. Hazard Plan: Request Tasha Lapinski to get with Annamaria Harriah to correct typos in the document and provide further info.

Annual Picnic: Beth and Katy Eggle and Sharon Black are starting planning for the annual July picnic. Anyone interested in helping please contact one of them. Question was raised as to a theme this year.

Twp Hall Grounds: Eggle proposed to ask Aspen Outdoors if they would do a refresh on the landscaping around the Twp Hall. A lot of grass and weeds are growing up in the rock beds around and near the door giving an unkempt appearance.

Aspen Contract: The one year contract with Aspen Outdoors has expired. Reviewed contract with one minor change, see attached. Motion to renew contract with Aspen Outdoors for Cemetery, Hall grounds, and Center Lake mowing and general yard issues Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.

Cemetery Items: Eggle asked about the Memorial day flags time line? Bolduc was not sure what the Sexton had planned, but reported that she has ordered flags and holders so we have enough on hand.

Bolduc informed the Board that we are near the point of going before a judge to reclaim cemetery lots. Discussion of the need for such and the research done to date.

Announcements: ZBA Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at 7 PM.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:08 PM. There were 6

comments, and public comment closed at 9:10 PM.

Adjourn:

Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:10 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.