

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 11 people including commissioner Mark Gregory.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:01 PM. There was no comment and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on August 9, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Akers, 2nd Black. Passed.
- The minutes from the special meeting on August 23, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for August was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$90,027.86, Receipts \$14,164.04, Disbursements \$10,644.23, Ending balance \$93,547.67. This includes \$148.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$99,313.45, Receipts \$2.77, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,316.22. General Fund Total ending balance \$192,863.89.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$40,000.16, Receipts \$4.91, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$40,005.07. Encumbered \$ (blank on report).
- Motion to accept August report as presented, Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- The Treasurer brought up the question of getting another CD rather than carrying a 90 thousand balance in the checking account. Eggle ask her to look into it and report back next month regarding particulars.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$3,785.30 from General Fund, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and reviewed what items the county is currently working on – budgets, 911 radio updates, higher income from the parks this year, recognition from county to Peggy Hoard on the tire reclaiming that she has been heading up.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented August Fire Board minutes, see attached.

- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC. There was recently one building permit, and Grugal reported some people having confusion over our permit prices as the county when asked has told people a different price. Grugal has asked that we looking into rectifying this error.
- Parks Comm.:** Akers brought up needing a sign for Grove Hill to be placed by the trash receptacle stating “No Household Garbage”.
- Road Comm.:** Ed Morton – no meeting was held on Labor Day. The committee is reviewing the gravel roads and has asked the county for a plan to fix the issues on the west end of 21 Mile Rd. Eggle reviewed plan to ask the county how we are going to leave the gravel roads for winter.
- Correspondence:** 1) Canvass of Votes Cast at Regular Election 8/2/2016 on the Road Millage question, form L-4029 filled out from Pine River schools, form L-4029 for us to fill out and return to the county, MTA class flier,
- Old Business:**
- Park Projects 2016:** Grove Hill – no progress this past month.
- Center Lake – reviewed the idea of planting spreading yew 16 inch pot/bucket costs \$32, we need about 10 or 12 to fill in the circle. Akers offered to donate and solicit donations to fund this project if needed. Board discussion. Motion to spend up to \$500 to improve the inside of the roundabout for plants and soil pending nursery recommendation for planting in fall or spring, Black, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Iler reported that the second treatment of chemicals to combat the milfoil was applied on or about August 30, 2016. It was a granular product intended to keep working during the winter. The treatment done in the spring was a liquid product. Monies are coming in, and we seem to be under budget even with the second application.
- Cemetery:** Received estimate from Aspen Outdoors for tree removal as initiated by the Sexton. Board reviewed and would like more details on which trees are slated for removal. Motion to approve estimate for \$1,750.00 to remove 6-8 trees and grind stumps. Coordinate with Sexton and Tim Simerson, so we know which trees are being removed, Eggle 2nd Black. Passed.
- Elections:** Bolduc reported the Public Test for the November election is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2 at 10 AM! At our October meeting we need to vote on election inspectors.
- New Business:**
- Zoning Ordinance:** The question was raised if we sent the zoning changes voted at the 8/23 meeting on to the county for their review as we state in our ordinance we would do? Request to get that done. Also request that an updated version be made available at the Tustin Library and on the web page.
- Zoning Fee:** Eggle raised the discrepancy between our actions not considering John Iler’s zoning amendment proposal until he formally wrote it up and paid the \$125 fee vs. Harvey Langworthy and the ZBA making suggestions and or add on amendments. Eggle felt that the fair thing would be to refund Iler his money. The board discussed this at great

length with comments from the concerned parties. Iler said that he didn't need to have his money refunded. Eggle motioned to refund Iler \$125. There was no second to this motion, so it did not get up for a vote and was withdrawn. Eggle expressed his disappointment and felt that refunding the funds was the only fair thing to do.

Tax Rate Form: The county has once again sent out the L-4029 Tax Rate form which the Clerk and Supervisor have to review and sign before sending back to the County Equalization Office. Motion by Eggle to sign requesting 1 mil for township operating which has been reduced by "Headlee" to the maximum of .9297, Voted Fire District of 2 mills reduced to 1.9772 (This millage is up for renewal on the November 8, 2016 ballot), and Voted Roads at 2 mills and not reduced because it was just voted on in August, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Eggle reviewed on a power point slide upcoming meetings and important dates.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:46 PM. There were 2 comments, and public comment closed at 8:48 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 8:48 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.