

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 9 people including commissioner Mark Gregory.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Oath:** The first order of business was the swearing in of the reelected Board members. Eggle swore in Bolduc who then swore in the remaining members all at once. The new term is for 4 years and all current Board members were reelected.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:09 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:09 PM.
- Invasive Species:** Diversion from normal agenda to hear a presentation by Vicki Sawicki from the North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA). She had a power point presentation and handouts showing the top five invasive species which the CISMA is working to catalog locations of and work with land owners to eradicate. The more growth areas which the CISMA identifies and catalogs the more effective grant resources will be to help land owners with resources to eradicate infestations.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on October 11, 2016, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected (change p. 3 "dead, dying, or deceased" to "dead, dying or diseased") Eggle, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for October was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$83,871.23, Receipts \$2,449.87, Disbursements \$12,310.36, Ending balance \$74,010.74. This includes \$173.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$99,319.00, Receipts \$2.69, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$99,321.69. General Fund Total ending balance \$173,332.43.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$40,009.82, Receipts \$3.23, Disbursements \$32,599.00, Ending balance \$7,414.05. Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept October report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- The Treasurer reported regarding interest on CD's at First Merit Bank, which is becoming Huntington Bank due to a purchase. CD terms are for 6, 12, or 18 mo, or 2 years. Better interest the longer the term, but none of them are more than .4 percent. Motion to move \$30,000 from General Fund Checking account into a 6 mo CD with First Merit/Huntington Bank, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$6,662.15 from General Fund, Nemish, 2nd Black. Passed.

Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented, Black, 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Commissioner Gregory attended and reviewed what items the county is currently working on – Marion Council on Aging building voted to move forward in a split decision (vote was 4/3) with changes to the original price tag. The COA director is looking for Grants to help purchase and proposed renovation costs. The price comes out to be about \$114 per square foot. The average renovation cost in MI per square foot is \$139. The County is building a new entrance into the Rose Lake Park Campground. This is mainly for safety and ability to more efficiently process the in out traffic. All current Co. Commissioners were reelected for an additional 2 year term.

Fire Board Report: Akers had to leave early due to a family dinner, but he left the minutes for the October Fire Board meeting which Bolduc read, see attached.

Plan Commission: Nemish reported on the PC. There were no permits. Alan Holmes has a company interested in putting up a Cell tower on his land, but the land is zoned Ag and that use is not allowed in Ag.

Parks Comm.: Nothing to report.

Road Comm.: November meeting canceled. Nothing to report.

Correspondence: 1) Edison Research request to employ someone to call them with election night results from the Presidential race top 4 parties. 2) Certificate of Liability Ins. Charter Communications. 3) State regarding regulation on Uniform Video Services.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill – no updates.

Center Lake – Joanne Iler reported on the planting of the Blue Rug Juniper. Granular product application to eradicate the Milfoil seems to be having an effect, but we will know for sure in the spring. Bolduc apologized for not getting out the contract verbiage to Kettunen and Center Lake Bible Camp for cost sharing on the Milfoil project. The election prep work was rather intense. She will work on that at her earliest availability.

Cemetery: Nothing to report on the sign or reclamation of lots issues.

Elections: Bolduc reviewed the election held last Tuesday. We had record numbers of voters come out to vote, 532 out of a possible 729 or 72.9%! There were 113 absentee ballots issued and 109 counted (One voter passed away before returning his ballot and 3 voters did not return their ballot before the 8 PM election day deadline.) We worked hard to streamline our procedures this election including eliminating the map check station. Bolduc spent extra time to cross reference for a third and fourth time with a printout of properties and where each pays school tax with the list of registered voters. This seemed to help process the voters more smoothly.

Bolduc is sad to report that she is losing her deputy as of November 30, 2016. Teresa Pierce will be moving to GA to live with her husband. Bolduc has picked Loretta

Slocum daughter of Elna Sherman to be her new deputy. Loretta is working as a teacher in the Lake City school system, she lives on 150th Ave. near 21 Mile and the township hall. With her living close to the Twp Hall, should we be forced to put up a mail box at the Hall, she would be able to check the mail daily.

Kettunen Lumber: Our last garbage removal of the season is set for Thursday, November 17, 2016. During the garbage dump the company will move the container so that Kettunen Center can get the lumber access they need. Akers has talked with the garbage company and will have a marker placed.

New Business:

Zoning Ordinance: Check on procedure to see where we are, and get copies printed so that PC members and ZBA can have a hard copy of the ordinance.

AMAR: Eggle reported that his office will be required to go through the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) with the State of MI this year. All jurisdictions deal with this on a rolling basis. Eggle has asked for the County to conduct some classes or seminars etc. to help the Townships follow the rules the way they need to. Our new Assessor, Jason Patterson, has been through the AMAR process with another jurisdiction. Stay tuned for more info month to month.

BOR Members: Current BOR (Board of Review) member's terms are expiring in December. Eggle brought to the Board in nomination the names of Ken Neuman, Al Peterson, and Pat Kochanny with Flo Nye as an alternate. Motion for these people to be Sherman Twp Board of Review for a term of two years ending in December of 2018, 2nd Black. Passed.

BOR Dates: Board of Review (BOR) date for December is Monday the 12th at 9 AM.

FY Budget Review: Bolduc presented the Board with a list of funds to shift to cover changes in our budget since the beginning of the year, see attached. Motion by Eggle to increase cemetery by \$4,500.00 and take from available fund balance, to shift \$2,755 between elements, and to add \$2,750 in unanticipated income, 2nd Black. 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 8:37 PM. There were 6 comments, and public comment closed at 8:42 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 8:42 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.