

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018**

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, Pete Nemish.
- Member Absent:** David Eggle
- Guests:** 7 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Bolduc with prayer followed by the Pledge. (In the absence of the Supervisor it falls to the Clerk to open the meeting and the board may choose which one of them will chair.)
- Public Comment:** Bolduc opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the meeting on December 12, 2017 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as amended and corrected Nemish, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for December was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$72,330.12, Receipts \$153.06, Disbursements \$6,320.64, Ending balance \$66,162.54. This includes \$107.58 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CDs: Beginning balance \$129,685.99, Receipts \$4.31, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,688.30. General Fund Total ending balance \$195,850.84.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$40,627.56, Receipts \$6.71, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$40,634.27. Encumbered \$18,625.00.
- Motion to accept December report as presented, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$1,983.92 from General Fund, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and updated us on some of the issues the BOC is working on. Handed out a flyer on the Smart 911 system, see attached.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the December Fire Board meeting, see attached. He also referenced an email regarding estimates for the air packs which will need to be replaced. It is very expensive, but is required and the department can incur fines for each day they are out of compliance.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported Moesta's term had lapsed, so he (Nemish) as the elected co-chair, chaired the meeting. One permit for a garage on 170th. Lapinski has requested to be relieved of PC secretarial duties if another person is willing to take it over. She is

currently working on sign issue, refunding and referring them to the ZBA. PC trying to regroup on Zoning ordinance reconciling the direction the attorney recommendations are taking and the directions they wish to take.

- Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill - nothing to report.
Center Lake - no updates.
- Road Comm.:** Morton reviewed discussion from the meeting last week. Both South and North Co. Garage Foremen came to the meeting to discuss issues they see which we might not be seeing and to recommend some gravel projects. Road Committee will finalize their recommendation and bring it to the board at our February regular meeting. Mention made that Kettenun Center per Chris Gentry has 10,000 annual visitors.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc had 3 items 1) Letter from Dan Massy re renewing our website and statistics of visits for last year, 2) Consumers Energy efficiency report (as this seems to be a monthly thing now Bolduc will drop mention in the minutes), 3) Certificate of Liability Ins. for Charter Communications.
- Old Business:**
- Assessment Rev.:** Board reviewed attached chart.
- Roads:** Covered during report.
- Phone:** Bolduc has been in communication with Matt from One Talk and Nick from Verizon this should be wrapped up in the next week or so.
- Twp Credit Card:** Don still working on this.
- New Business:**
- Zoning Ordinance:** Still working on this. PC feels there will always be something to consider changing, so we need to just change what we have and put it to bed for now.
- Cemetery:** Eggle received an email of potential discrepancies in cemetery procedures. Email has been forwarded to pertinent parties to review. Discussion. Several board members would have liked to have had the Supervisor's thoughts as part of the discussion before we move a head. Need to correct procedures on how we document funds. Recommend accountant review cemetery procedures. Black believes there has been mis-communication. Nemish thinks we have no choice but to review as suggested. Restated that the Sexton is an employee not an official. Motion by Nemish to have accountant (Baird, Cotter, & Bishop) do an audit of cemetery payment and procedure issues, 2nd Akers, discussion, vote was 3 yes, 1 no, 1 absent. Passed.
- Budget Changes:** Bolduc presented so budget amendments for the current FY, see attached. Bolduc motioned to accept budget amendments totaling \$1,000 from unallocated fund balance into Zoning Permits, and \$2,330 shifted between elements, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- PC Members:** Motion by Nemish, 2nd Akers, to renew Ron Moesta for another 3 year term on the Sherman Township Planning Commission. Passed.

Motion by Bolduc, 2nd Nemish, to renew Tasha Lapinski for another 3 year term on the Sherman Township Planning Commission. Passed.

Road Committee: Eggle has indicated that we consider Larry Thompson for the open seat on the Township Road Committee. Motion by Akers, 2nd Black, to seat Larry Thompson on the Road Committee. Passed.

BOR Training: Eggle and Bolduc reviewed the BOR training needs prior to this meeting. Motion by Bolduc to send 5 people to MTA's BOR training and pay milage (closest training is in Thompsonville, MI at Crystal Mt.) \$89 each and to get one book at \$34.50, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Museum Donation: Tabled.

Election Equip.: Bolduc presented resolution 2018019 to accept HAVA and State of MI grant funds for new election equipment to be implemented in the elections this year (2018), with the understanding that grant funds cover initial purchase and maintenance for 5 years with the township responsible for maintenance costs years 6-10, resolution offered by, Akers, 2nd Black. Roll call vote 4 yes, 0 no, resolution declared passed.

PC Secretary: Nemish brought up the request of current PC Secretary Lapinski to be relieved of being secretary. No one on the PC felt they could step into this roll. Nemish asked about finding someone to be hired, as we have done in the past, to be secretary but not a member of the PC.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed upcoming dates on power point.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Bolduc opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:49 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 8:55 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 8:55 PM, 2nd Black. Passed.