

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 7 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There was one comment and public comment closed at 7:05 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the meeting on January 9, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as amended Akers, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for January was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$66,162.54, Receipts \$15,232.97, Disbursements \$8,749.94, Ending balance \$72,645.57. This includes \$107.58 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CDs: Beginning balance \$129,688.30, Receipts \$4.45, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,692.75. General Fund Total ending balance \$202,338.32.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$40,634.27, Receipts \$5.17, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$40,639.44. Encumbered \$18,625.00.
- Motion to accept January report as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,751.55 from General Fund, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and updated us on some of the issues the BOC is working on. COA building in Marion has had water issues and is being fixed. Opioid Epidemic is a “hot topic” with the county looking into joining a suit similar to a class action suit with other jurisdictions from around the region. Also discussed with Eggle EMS issues.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the January Fire Board meeting, see attached. He also report that FB Member from Tustin Betty Anderson passed away in her sleep last week.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. Moesta and Lapinski were sworn in just prior to the meeting. Hopeful that the ordinance changes will be wrapped up in the next meeting or so and then a Public Hearing and adoption can move forward.

Parks Comm.: Grove Hill - no updates.
Center Lake - no updates.

Road Comm.: Eggle reviewed gravel discussions and Thompson nomination.

Correspondence: Bolduc had 8 items 1) MTA class flyer on ZBA's, 2) Michigan relay dial 711 for TTY type assistance, 3) Invitation to CoRE pipeline safety program 3/7/18 at various locations, 4) Census update, 5) Becketter&Raeder re: public hearing for Clam Lake Twp Master Plan, 6) Invitation from Osceola Co. Road Comm. for the annual half hour per township meeting, 7) State Dept. of Treasury re: plan to correct deficiencies in AMAR accepted, and 8) copy of the order forfeiting rights to abandoned cemetery plots signed by the judge.

Old Business:

Assessment Rev.: See attached chart.

Roads: Eggle presented a gravel proposal including an estimate of costs from the County and a map of where gravel is to be spread. Eggle detailed how two of the foremen on Osceola County Roads came and discussed with our Road Committee where they feel the most urgent needs are on our gravel roads. Eggle motion to approve the contract as presented with Osceola County Road Commission for \$46,575 on selected roads as annotated on the map attached to the contract, 2nd Black. Passed.

Phone: Phone number 231-829-3611 will now reach One Talk which forwards to numbers we have assigned (Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk etc.), and the 231-829-5236 is a virtual number which can be use for other purposes (such as masking the number a call is coming from if a twp official wants to hide their number from a caller - Bolduc is still learning how to do this.). Cost is down below \$50 per month, closer to \$30. Recommend to list number on our website. Project complete!

Twp Credit Card: Black reported on a conversation she had with our Bank. Credit Cards for Twps have to go through the government services representative. Recommendation to discuss pros and cons with Mike Cool when we meet with him regarding other issues in the next few weeks.

Cemetery: Mike Cool from Baird, Cotter, and Bishop has contacted Eggle and Bolduc with a draft document outlining findings, etc. from the review of Cemetery procedures. Propose that Eggle and Bolduc have a meeting with Cool to review and discuss following which Cool will finalize document and the Board can review at our next meeting. Board also reviewed proposed Cemetery Work request form as created by Bolduc. Suggested to add control number, so each form has a unique number. Check with other large cemeteries close by and see how they handle these matters. Ask Mike Cool his what is recommendations are as well.

Zoning Ordinance: See mention above.

New Business:

Poverty Exempt: Resolution 20180213-A is Sherman Twp's Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test for 2018, see attached. It was mentioned that it is the same wording as last

year. Resolution offered by Nemish, 2nd Black. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, Eggle declared resolution adopted.

BOR Petition Form: Resolution 20180213-B is Sherman Twp's Resolution to allow property owners various ways to present their petitions to the BOR, see attached. Resolution was modified to include the word "email" in the list of accepted forms of petition. Resolution offered by Eggle, 2nd Black. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Eggle declared resolution adopted.

Budget FY 18/19: Bolduc presented, see attached, a first draft of the new budget for FY 18/19. Board reviewed area by area. Few changes were noted, but decision was made to review, finalize, and vote at the March meeting. Budget needs to be voted before the Annual Meeting which is to be later in March and not with the monthly meeting this year.

Budget Changes: Bolduc presented some budget amendments for the current FY, see attached. Eggle motioned to accept budget amendments totaling \$970 shifted between elements, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

AMAR Training: Eggle proposes to attend a training event in Gaylord on May 18, 2018 regarding Assessing and AMAR standards.

150 years!: This year marks Sherman Twp's Sesquicentennial as our Twp was founded in 1868. Akers has begun work on a commemorative flag. Propose to celebrate at our annual picnic in July. Akers requests to form a committee to discuss flag ideas. Eggle offered to help.

Fee Schedule: Bolduc mentioned that the IRS changed the Mileage rates for 2018. Last year it went down to 53.5 cents per mile, and we held it at 54 cents. This year the IRS rate is 54.5 cents per mile. We discussed and decided to hold it at 54 cents which is more even to compute.

Old Computers: The computers which the Twp replaced 3 years ago are still hanging around. Bolduc motioned to donate them to a non-profit entity to get them out of our way, 2nd Black with caution to be sure they are wiped of any Twp sensitive material. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed upcoming dates on power point including BOR organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6 at 9 AM, petition sessions Monday, March 12 from 9 AM - 3 PM, and Wednesday, March 14 from 3 - 9 PM, Annual Mtg Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM, and ZBA special public hearing to deal with Holmes sign case Wednesday, March 7 at 7 PM.

Announcements: Be aware of poachers. Eggle had a buck poached on his Wexford Co., property. Authorities were called in, etc.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:16 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:22 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:22 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.