

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

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Eggle with prayer followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:02 PM. There were none and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- EMS Report:** Diverted from agenda for Jeremy Beebe the Osceola Co. EMS Director to present a report on EMS. Beebe reviewed the attached report expanding on some points and allowing time for questions and discussion.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on February 13, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
The minutes from the special meeting on February 22, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for February was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$72,645.57, Receipts \$23,769.49, Disbursements \$10,165.41, Ending balance \$86,249.65. This includes \$107.58 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CDs: Beginning balance \$129,692.75, Receipts \$4.46, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,697.21. General Fund Total ending balance \$215,946.86.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$40,639.44, Receipts \$5.17, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$40,644.61. Encumbered \$18,625.00.
Motion to accept February report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Akers. Passed.
Tax settlement with the County is complete. Our portion of collected tax is \$27,512.95 and \$2,155 for Summer tax collection work.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish to pay monthly bills totaling \$5,021.98 from General Fund, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Nemish, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the February Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There were no permits issued. Liponoga has stepped forward to help Lapinski with the secretarial. Bolduc asked if the PC would review the calendar and decide about moving or canceling meetings for the election months August and November and the Holiday months of July and January 2019.
- Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill - no updates.

Center Lake - no updates.

- Road Comm.:** Morton did not attend our meeting. Eggle will review a proposal later down the agenda.
- ZBA:** Calkins updated regarding the ZBA meeting on 3/7/18 in reference to a sign on Alan Holmes property near the corner of 160th and 20 Mile Rd. Public Hearing was held. The ZBA reviewed, deliberated, and granted the variance, for a sign up to 8x12 feet, 4 to 1. While reviewing this section of the Ordinance, Calkins concluded that if a quilt block constitutes a sign, which he felt they did, then the quilt blocks on barns around the township are in violation of the Ordinance.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc had 3 items 1) Notice of State Tax Commission water pollution control exemption application and a recommendation for approval Gingrich Meadows Inc., for \$285,000, 2) a list of current PA 116 agreements as of 1/24/2017 in Osceola Co (Due to the shape of this document all of it will not be attached in the board book. Only the section with Sherman properties.), 3) affidavits of publication, one of the final steps, on reclaiming abandoned cemetery plots.
- Old Business:**
- Assessment Rev.:** Snow preventing work at this time.
- Roads:** See below. Nothing to report on previous projects.
- Twp Credit Card:** Bolduc and Eggle discussed with Mike Cool. We are allowed to get one, but it is not advised to use it to pay bills, as is common for individuals to do. Neither Black nor Bolduc wished to get a township credit card at this time.
- Cemetery:** Eggle and Bolduc reviewed the cemetery audit report, provided by Mike Cool from Baird, Cotter, and Bishop, as well as some suggestions which came from the meeting they had with Cool. The Cemetery Work form, which Cool thought was a good idea with some suggested changes, will be edited and brought to the April board meeting for review. We will then get it printed and implement using it for all burials and headstone bases, ie. when money is involved.
- Keith Calkins was the only person to submit a letter of interest for the sexton position. It was noted that the position was advertised in the Cadillac News and on our website. Request Bolduc to write a job description. Eggle and Nemish will interview.
- Authorized to continue mowing, full grave digging, and snow plowing with Aspen for next fiscal year. Bolduc will check that rates of service are the same and revise last year's contract reflecting new service dates and get it signed. Nemish raised the question when would it be advisable to re-bid the job since we want to always provide the best value for our citizens? (Aspen's work is not being questioned. Aspen is welcomed to submit a bid, but should there be others who would wish to compete, we would like to have an answer for citizens why we choose the company we do and comparing bids gives us a good reference to answer that question.) Board discussed and suggested next December which would give us time to review and get something in place for the beginning of the cemetery work season in March/April.

Zoning Ordinance: PC wants to get this wrapped up SOON. Bolduc urged them to consider "Sign"

section revisions, as she would like to keep the quilt blocks in place around the township among other considerations.

New Business:

Budget FY 18/19: Bolduc presented, see attached, the proposed budget for FY 18/19. Board reviewed area by area. Motion to accept for presentation at Annual meeting the budget for FY18/19 Akers, 2nd Black. Passed.

Budget Changes: Bolduc presented some budget amendments for the current FY, see attached. Eggle motioned to accept budget amendments totaling \$11,500 added from unallocated fund balance and \$1,032.12 shifted between elements, 2nd Black. Passed.

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

150 years!: The picnic committee has started making plans. They wish help and donations. Akers presented a picture of the flag as the committee proposes. It was reviewed and discussed, see attached. Motion by Bolduc, 2nd Black, to approve the Sherman Township 150 year commemorative flag design as presented. Passed.

4H Drive Work: Eggle presented a bid from the county for seal coat to be placed on 4H Drive (the road which is a public road and not a private driveway between 145th and the buildings at Kettenun Center). The County Road Commission requires agreements to be between themselves and another governmental unit and not other organizations or individuals. Motion by Eggle to approve contract with Osceola Co., Sherman Twp is acting as fiduciary, for seal coat on 4H Drive \$5,250, 2nd Black. Passed.

Center Lake: As last season ended, it was indicated by Restorative Lake Sciences, that additionally weed control was needed in 2018. A contract once again engaging the 4 major entities with major interest in the lake, Kettenun Center, Center Lake Bible Camp (CLBC), Center Lake Preservation Association (CLPA – a group of land owners, interested parties, and residents), and Sherman Township to partner to pay for this project. Kettenun Center and CLBC would each pay one third, CLPA and the Twp will split the remaining third. Contract, see attached, was modified by request of CLPA to have 3 of the 4 parties agree to the amount of funds encumbered prior to such. Motion by Bolduc for Sherman Township to accept Center Lake Weed Control Contract as presented with Sherman responsible for one half of one third total amount, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Reviewed upcoming dates on power point including Annual Mtg Thursday, March 22 at 7 PM.

Announcements: Eggle has accepted a position with MSU Extension to be one of those representing District 6.
Akers will arrange for garbage pick-up to resume on or around May 15, 2018.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:47 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 9:47 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:48 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.