

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 14, 2017

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 5 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 7:04 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on February 14, 2017, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for February was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$47,929.17, Receipts \$1.02, Disbursements \$6,159.61, Ending balance \$41,770.58. This includes \$173.75 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CD: Beginning balance \$129,329.93, Receipts \$2.78, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,332.71. General Fund Total ending balance \$171,103.29.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$7,416.75, Receipts \$0.50, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$7,417.25. Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept February report as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills totaling \$5,333.95 from General Fund, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner could attend.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the February Fire Board meeting, see attached. Annual Fire Board meeting at 7 PM, on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, immediately following a regular meeting which will start at 6 PM.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC. One permit application for special use increasing number of residents at the adult foster care home on 20 Mile Rd. One permit for a new home on Mackinaw Trail. The PC has determined that adding communications tower to allowable uses with a special use permit in land classified Ag would be a good change for the Zoning Ordinance. They will hold a Public Hearing with the April 4 PC meeting. Lapinski will take care of the proper notices.
- Parks Comm.:** Bolduc remarked that the pine at Grove Hill park took a beating during the recent wind

event. She will check with Aspen Outdoors about removal of trees which could be a danger.

Road Comm.: Morton reported on the Road Committee meeting. Waiting for Spring and no snow to assess the gravel needs around the Township. Sherman Township's 30 minutes with the County Road Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at 4 PM at the South Co. Garage near Hersey.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2016: Grove Hill – nothing until spring.

Center Lake – nothing until spring.

Cemetery: Nemish to give Bolduc a contact he has used for signs. Bolduc asked if we could engage Paul Drysdale, a forester and arborist fee \$80 per hour, to review the trees and give us a plan for conservation, removal, and re-planting as deemed necessary to keep all visitors to the cemetery safe and maintain the look and feel of our beautiful cemetery grounds. Board indicated OK to move forward with this.

Kettunen Lumber: Nothing to report.

AMAR: No dates yet. Eggle, Bolduc, and Jason Patterson our Assessor met to discuss needs and details from a check list provided at the training which Eggle went to. The main burden of the AMAR falls on the Assessor and Supervisor.

New Business:

Budget Changes: Bolduc presented several budget changes for the current FY 16/17 (4th change set), see attached. Shift among elements \$1,381. Motion to approve budget changes as presented Black, 2nd Nemish. Passed. Take from available fund balance and add State Revenue Sharing and a new category State Local Community Stabilization, \$8,700. Motion to add funds Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Zoning Ordinance: Moving forward. PC holding a Public Hearing as part of the April 4, 2017, meeting. Nemish reviewed two areas where changes are proposed, 14.1 & 14.2 which provides and outlines how the ordinance can be changed moving forward. Also reviewed the need to change the ordinance to allow special use of communications towers in straight ag. It is already allowed in ag/res. Once that is passed, Verizon will submit the application for the special use to put up a 199 foot tower. Originally it was proposed at 250 feet, but the Township suggested a change to something shorter not requiring lighting. Eggle asked that another public hearing be held prior to granting the application. Mention was made that we need to create a checklist for ordinance changes.

BOR Dates: Board of Review (BOR) has one more hearing meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, from 3 to 9 PM.

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

Annual ZBA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, 2017.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 7:58 PM. There were no comments, and public comment closed at 7:58 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 7:58 PM, 2nd Black. Passed.