

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 8, 2018

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 6 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Akers followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There were none and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 10, 2018 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as amended Nemish, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$108,974.23, Receipts \$17,183.02, Disbursements \$11,557.89, Ending balance \$114,599.36. This includes \$257.00 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CDs: Beginning balance \$129,697.21, Receipts \$193.91, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,891.12. General Fund Total ending balance \$244,490.48.
Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$99,847.63, Receipts \$12,282.84, Disbursements \$6,131.86, Ending balance \$105,998.61. Encumbered \$65,200.00.
Motion to accept April report as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Question raised on the amount of the Waste Management bill. Hold Waste Management bill payment until Akers can call and find out what the charges cover and if they are correct or not. Motion by Akers to pay monthly bills, except Waste Management, totaling \$4,648.66 from General Fund, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Commissioner attended. No updates.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the April Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting. There were no permits issued. PC extended the special use permit for the Verizon tower construction on Holmes property (near 160th and 20 Mile road) as Verizon doesn't feel they will get to building it until 2019. PC had discussion of possible bike paths in the township. Lapinski will review her hours of work on the ordinance for possible extra compensation. Zoning Ordinance is at the point of Board review and sending to the County for their review. The PC has voted all changes they wish to make at this time. Eggle challenges us to review it before the June meeting. It will be on our agenda.
- Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill – ask Kater to cut dangerous leaning trees.

Center Lake – cooperative weed control payment agreements signed. Permits pulled for application of treatment.

Road Comm.: Morton reviewed meeting held last night. Gravel discussion later on agenda.

Correspondence: Bolduc had 5 items 1) IRS refund of \$1.15, 2) FOIA from MI Openthebooks.com re: employees compensation, 3) DEQ Notice of Authorization Part 31 and 301 on Gingrich farm land, 4) MI SOS office of Ruth Johnson statewide memo regarding citizens from Sherman Twp, 5) Karen Bluhm Osceola Co. Clerk re: Ballot Container Inspection.

Old Business:
Assessment Rev.: See Supervisors power point printout attached. 45 % of Residential completed.

Roads: See attached copies of emails between Eggle and Luke Houlton. Board discussed purchase of additional gravel to stock pile for application summer of 2019 or beyond at the 2018 processing price which is nicely less than originally estimated. Reviewed amount of income, amount already encumbered, amount we are willing to fund from our general fund and or borrow from our general fund and repay from the voted millage fund.

Motion by Eggle, 2nd by Akers, to purchase 12,800 tons of gravel for a cost of \$63,360.00 which is the 2018 rate of production and which was significantly less than originally estimated. Gravel will be stock piled for application in 2019 or beyond. Currently the voted Road Millage fund does not have enough to cover this purchase, so we would borrow about \$16,082.00 from the Twp General Fund (contingent on legal allowing of such) at 0 interest with payback at the next distribution of tax funds into the Voted Millage account in March or April of 2019. The Co. will hold the stock pile of gravel until the Twp Road Committee has made recommendations backed by the Twp Board's approval of where to apply the gravel. Roll Call vote 5 yes, 0 no. Motion Passed.

Motion by Bolduc to authorize Eggle to sign agreement with the county for the purchase of 12,800 tons of gravel (preceding motion), 2nd Black. Passed.

Cemetery: Keith Calkins has started as Sexton. Cemetery work form has been sent to the printer. Attached is the final draft (Bolduc made several changes since last month such as a line for noting if person being interred was a veteran or not and if the family wishes to use the twp hall or not).

Zoning: Done earlier.

Center Lake: Contract signed. Permits for first application of weed control pulled. RLS in contact with Iler about application. Iler to head up citizens placing beetle bugs to eat purple loosestrife another invasive species of aquatic plant.

CPR Training: Jeremy Beebe conducted as planned a training on CPR at the Tustin COA building on Friday, May 4th. Several people from the Twp were among the 8 attending. Eggle asked if there was interest on the Board for a training at the Hall some time over the summer? Several were interested.

- 150 Years:** Katy has reserved the tent. Akers reported on several items which a logo could be placed on and prices. Logo would not be the same as the whole flag. Akers presented the Twp with a flag, the design was accepted at a previous meeting. Resolution in June of accepting this as our official Twp flag.
- Area Fire Radio:** Inquires have been made with contacts at Verizon to see if the Tustin Area Fire District can use some space on the new Verizon tower proposed to be built in Sherman Twp for some of the Fire Dept. radios. It is doubtful if we will be allowed to do this for free, but Akers is still seeking answers and will report what he finds out.
- Tire Clean-up:** Eggle reported, see attached power point slide printout.
- New Business:**
- ZBA Nomination:** Eggle brought to the board the name of Ryan Johnson for nomination to the ZBA. He lives on 22 Mile Road, has family also in the area, and is willing to serve. Motion by Eggle to accept Ryan Johnson to a seat on the ZBA, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Upcoming Dates:** Reviewed attached power point slides of the upcoming months.
- Twp Hall:** Determined that we might not need to replace the carpet after all. The last carpet cleaning done by Elna Sherman and Loretta Slocum was a great job! Bolduc discussed the need to look at some new tables. The current tables are very heavy and possibly a liability, the extra ones being kept as they are propped up. Will continue to look at options. Eggle also mentioned the need for new Board chairs as our current ones are coming apart.
- Announcements:** Akers announced, see printed letter attached, his resignation effective June 30, 2018, from the Twp Board and Fire Board. He will continue to maintain the flag when he is in town and will seek a person to assist him as needed. The Board accepts with regret this information. (Note that a formal vote needs to be taken at the June meeting.)
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:08 PM. There were two comments, and public comment closed at 9:18 PM.
- Mr. Iler noted that the DNR has restocked Center Lake with yearling rainbows and Mrs. Iler noted that the resident loons appreciate it! Mention was made of the purple loosestrife eradication measures which have been set in motion by the citizens.
- Keith Calkins noted that the March ending balance as reported in the minutes of April 10, 2018, and presented at this meeting did not add up correctly. Black checked and found that a number had been transposed on her March report, so A) the April Treasurer's report shows the correct beginning balance, and B) the minutes transcribing what was on the March report are correct. Thank you Calkins for noting this discrepancy!
- Adjourn:** Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:18 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.