

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
AUGUST 8, 2017

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 8 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Nemish followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:01 PM. There were two comments and public comment closed at 7:06 PM.
- Request by Ed Morton for him to look into placing lines on our parking lot for a Pickle Ball court. Decision deferred until more info received.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the meeting on July 11, 2017, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for July was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$82,567.04, Receipts \$8,365.06, Disbursements \$16,679.05, Ending balance \$74,253.05. This includes \$41.98 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CD: Beginning balance \$129,497.15, Receipts \$2.69, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,499.84. General Fund Total ending balance \$203,752.89.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$73,258.36, Receipts \$9.03, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$73,267.39. Encumbered \$50,274.00.
- Motion to accept July report as amended (encumbered roads amt.), Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay monthly bills totaling \$3,366.05 from General Fund, Akers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and updated us on some of the issues the BOC is working on. Business as usual. Marion COA open house approx. 90 attending. Report number served doubling (from 10-20) following remodel.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the July Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported that he was unexpectedly out of town and couldn't attend. Grugal provided the clerk with copies of recently received special use permit forms from Holmes for a sawmill sign on corner of 20 Mile and 160<sup>th</sup> Ave., and from landscape sign on Mackinaw Trail. Report from Lapinsky that grammar changes to zoning

document do not require public hearing. Waiting for review of document by legal counsel Nathan Piwowarski. Questions re: Grugal, see attached letter from Akers. Concern with those we are serving being able to reach our zoning administrator for reasons regarding official work and questions. Clerk noted that he has a land line phone number provided by the Township yet she has received multiple calls regarding zoning questions.

**Parks Comm.:** Grove Hill - Sign will be reworked this fall by Peterson.  
Center Lake -Iler waiting to hear back from RLS how effective the milfoil treatment was, and if or if not, a second application of chemicals are needed this season. Iler says in his opinion the milfoil has been beaten down and is much less than even last year at this time. He is hopeful that we won't need an additional treatment this year.

**Road Comm.:** Morton reported on the Road Committee meeting. County talking about having signed commitments contingent on costs for projects we want to do through 2020. Houlton has been in contact with Morton and Eggle regarding the brine application. The county is getting ready to do that later this month contingent on weather.

**Correspondence:** Bolduc had 3 items 1) Census 2020 LUCA forms, 2) DEQ wetlands protection for Kenneth Amlotte, 3) FOIA from Open the Books checks for 2016 to all vendors including their name, address, check amount and number.

**Old Business:**

**Park Projects 2016:** Grove Hill – see above.  
Center Lake – see above.

**Cemetery:** Akers and Eggle installed the new cemetery signs. Ruth Calkins presented info on a mistake which while recently discovered dates back to 1997. See attached map. It involves section L 22, 27, 30, 21, 28, 29 which are the North East corner of the old section. Mr. Laycock was buried in the wrong location in 1997 which caused a shift in all other areas in that corner. The proposed remedy is to accept the southernly shift and give sections 29 and 30 to the people who purchased 21 and 22 as they had not buried anyone in those plots and there is no one buried in 29 and 30 either. Akers (owner of 28 but he will shift to 21 since that is where his son was buried) has agreed with this shift and offered to help locate the owner we need to locate a Vanderhoef and Bank's (related to each other as a parent/child relationship). Akers is also willing to donate and install a new corner post since the current corner post has been deemed too far south. He will place a chain between the posts so that traffic will go around to the North where the road way has been plotted and space allotted for it.

**Kettunen Lumber:** Nothing to report.

**AMAR:** Review took place on July 26, 2017, as expected at the Osceola Co. Courthouse. Patterson and Eggle had our documents very well organized and our review took about 15 minutes. AMAR officials also reviewed several parcels which included sending a letter asking the home owner if they would allow the reviewers on their property to do measurements etc. One issue was 9 parcels which had their valuation numbers changed with no note as to why. Those values were placed back to the correct level, and we will investigate further why they were changed.

- Audit Summary:** Bolduc led a review of the audit and accompanying documents. Overall job well done. Possible review having annual vs biennial audits and the advantages of each.
- Roads:** Brine, application which the Twp is paying for, could be placed week of August 28, 2017, weather permitting.
- Grove Hill:** Akers will call Pete Ludviksen and let him know that TV 9 & 10 can do what needs to be done regarding trees and guy wires.
- New Business:**
- Zoning Ordinance:** Discussed Zoning Ordinance. Bolduc sent the document out to be edited. It was received back. Bolduc reviewed all edits and prepared a review of grammatical edits for the board to see. It was deemed too lengthy and the changes minor enough that request was made for Lapinsky and Bolduc to just review and make changes as necessary any edits suggested that do not change the meaning of the document. Any suggested edits that might impact the meaning should be presented at the PC meeting and Board meeting. Review by legal counsel Nathan Piwowarski still needed.
- Plat Books:** Eggle mentioned that an updated plat book should be printed in September by the MI State University Extension dept. Motion by Eggle to purchase 8 copies and 1 large format individual Twp plat if available, 2<sup>nd</sup> Akers. Passed.
- Phone:** Akers requested review of the phone system at the hall. Mentioned possibility of having a cell phone rather than a land line. Will investigate further and bring report.
- Upcoming Dates:** Eggle reviewed upcoming dates on power point.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:58 PM. There was one comment, and public comment closed at 9:03 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:04 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nemish. Passed.