

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for public comment at 7:03 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:03 PM.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the meeting on August 8, 2017 were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for August was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$74,253.05, Receipts \$1,551.88, Disbursements \$7,842.78, Ending balance \$67,962.15. This includes \$107.58 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CD: Beginning balance \$129,499.84, Receipts \$2.78, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,502.62. General Fund Total ending balance \$197,464.77.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$73,267.39, Receipts \$9.33, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$73,276.72. Encumbered \$36,825.00 (gravel \$15,400 2 chip seal projects \$21,425).
- Motion to accept August report as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay monthly bills totaling \$4,524.86 from General Fund, Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Black, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Gregory attended and updated us on some of the issues the BOC is working on. Gregory along with several others spoke at the 9/11 memorial service at Tustin Fire Dept. Osceola Co. is moving to Smart 911. People register their cell number along with address, similar to what is pulled up when a land line calls 911. Enhancing security at the county building is moving along. This is a large project which may end up becoming a building project.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the August Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported 2 permits were issued. Grugal reviewed two properties with excessive autos (both near 140th Ave and 20 Rd intersection), and no one was home at either place. The public hearing regarding the two sign special use permits will be held in conjunction with the normal monthly PC meeting October 3, 2017. Ordinance

has been reviewed by Lapinski, but not submitted to the lawyer yet.

Parks Comm.:

Grove Hill - no updates.

Center Lake - Iler end of summer survey of milfoil expected to be September 21, 2017.

Let him know by text message if you are interested in riding along..

Road Comm.:

No meeting was held due to the date falling on Labor Day. Morton attended the Co. Road Commission meeting. The Co. is overwhelmed with projects this year. Morton asked if these projects could be impacting routine maintenance work. Houlton said no. Houlton would like twps to have long range plans and expressed confidence in our ability to provide this, leading the way for other twps. If the Co. has not spent any funds on the project, a signed contract can be voided by agreement of both parties. Of interest, the portion of 4H drive that is paved is considered a county road not private driveway.

Correspondence:

Bolduc had 3 items 1) filled out L-4029 forms from Intermediate school district and Marion school, 2) DEQ wetlands protection for Douglas Ingleright, 3) legal paperwork related to alternate service for reclamation of unused abandoned cemetery plots. Eggle had a letter from State Dept. Of Treasury re: AMAR.

Old Business:

Park Projects 2017: Center Lake – see above.

Kettunen Lumber:

Timber harvest has begun. Some staging of cut timber is located off 145th Ave. at the center of the section.

AMAR:

See letter referenced above. Eggle reviewed what the various points meant. He submitted for our review a proposed letter of response, see attached. ACD will come back and check our progress in meeting the requirements in 2019. Discussion. Motion by Eggle 2nd Akers to approve the action plan as outlined in the letter attached to the MI Dept of Treasury. Passed.

As part of Eggle's review he asked Jason Patterson to attend the meeting and be available to participate in the discussion. Patterson presented a contract to cover his services and our payment for those services to bring our card file up to standard as indicated in the AMAR review. This is part of what the ACD will be checking in 2019. Motion by Black to approve contract with Jason Patterson, see attached, 18 mo time frame, 481 parcels, \$28 per parcel paid as a lump sum when work completed 2nd Akers. Passed. Total contract to be \$8,988.00.

Supervisor Eggle will provide a monthly report of progress to the Board.

Roads:

Nothing to report on gravel. Contract for brine was canceled due to rainy weather providing dust control. Chip seal came in nicely under budget! Estimated amount \$21,425. Billed amount \$17,333.

New Business:

Zoning Ordinance:

Bolduc needs to merge edits into the document. Lapinsky provided input as to which suggestions fit our needs and which might not. Bolduc will provide the document to our lawyer yet this week or early next week for review and written summary which we

are required to publish as part of the adoption process.

Cemetery: Review of Vanderhoef and Banks reclamation of lots. No progress yet getting in touch with Bo Widman.

Phone: Report from Akers. He checked with AT&T and Verizon. AT&T requires credit card to process payments and he did preliminary research on Twps use of a credit card. Verizon about \$20 per month. Verizon has a free app that we could set up to forward calls from the Twp number (231-829-3622) to each department or official's personal number.

Huntington Bank has new credit card coming out in November for government entities. Akers discussed with Haring Twp officials what their policy is regarding credit cards. Defer decision until more info.

Following discussion, Akers motion to cancel First Communications phone line (doing this at the Verizon store so that we can retain the phone number) and to change phone systems, using a donated phone, purchase Verizon coverage, and set up forwarding app., 2nd Eggle. Passed.

Nov. Election: Bolduc reported that Cadillac schools are having a November election this year. Our 32 Cadillac school voters are being consolidated with Clam Lake Twp. She has sent as required, a letter informing these voters of this consolidation and their voting location for this election.

Flag: Akers reported on lowering the flag to half staff. He has been maintaining this, and discussed his back up for when he is visiting family etc.

Upcoming Dates: Eggle reviewed upcoming dates on power point.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:48 PM. There were three comments, and public comment closed at 8:56 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 8:56 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.