

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
May 12, 2015

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 11 guests.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with Prayer by Akers followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** Will Gasper RE: property values near wind turbines. Brought pages of interest to the board (same was handed out at PC the week before) refuting info. which Moesta had presented regarding property values in areas with turbines. "WCO Wind Concerns Ontario" and "Wind Farms to do not affect property values, study finds" by ScienceDaily.
- Harvey Langworthy RE: Wind Energy. Huron Co. Meade Twp authorized 48 wind turbines. "6th International Meeting on Wind Turbine Noise Glasgow 20-23 April 2015" 13 pages. Specific reference to page 9. "Direct Experience of Low Frequency Noise and Infrasound with a Windfarm Community," and "Township Votes Down Wind Energy Project."
- Doug Langworthy RE: roads. Had comments on the rough spots along some of the gravel roads.
- Adam Hundley RE: PC attitudes. Has noticed apathy among the PC members and wondered if the Board was considering replacing any of them?
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on April 14, 2015 were read. Typo noticed. Motion to approve minutes as corrected, Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for April presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$87,065.69, Receipts \$4,73.32, Disbursements \$9,468.97, Ending balance \$81,670.04. This includes \$373.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,721.79 Receipts \$111.88 Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,833.67. General Fund Total ending balance \$180,503.71.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$58,714.84 Receipts \$13,646.08, Disbursements \$6,815.32, Ending balance \$65,545.60, Encumbered \$0.
- Motion to accept April report as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion by Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Bolduc, 2nd Black. Passed.

Co. Commissioners: Neither attended.

Fire Board Report: Akers reviewed minutes from the April Fire Board meeting, see attached.

Plan Commission: Nemish reviewed the PC meeting. Two permits. Tim Liponoga had questions about a blight ordinance. Nemish to track down answers. Public Hearing set for June 2, 2015, in conjunction with regular PC meeting. Had microphone issues. Requested Bolduc to help at next mtg. Asked Eggle to help with Power Point for Hearing. Eggle wondered what points the public might not like in the current version of 7.9e. Eggle asked if the PC has sought our attorney's opinion? There was further general discussion.

Parks Comm.: Akers spoke with the logger re Grove Hill tree thinning. Logger expects to begin work this month. Akers has noted that a large amount of sand has washed into Center Lake over the years and recommends consulting with the DNR as to our course of action moving forward.

Road Comm.: Meeting was held. No representative could come tonight so no report was given. Dave Johns has resigned.

Correspondence: From– OCTA, Notice of mtg May 18, 2015, 7PM at Kettunen Center.
Letter from Atty to Accountant re: claims against the twp in reference to the audit.

Old Business:

EMS Situation: The Co. received 9 bids. Next Tuesday planning on selecting a contractor!

Twp Roads 2015: Co. planning on a one pass brine this year. We are near the beginning of the list. Our committee reviewed the same projects on 150th and in Dighton area as previously referenced.

Matthewson FOIA: Bolduc reported on a letter from our Atty, Piwowarski, dated April 21, 2015, referencing a letter he received from Matthewson's Atty, Zeits, dated April 16, 2015, along with a check to the township for \$411.19. This completes in full the Matthewson FOIA from November 2014.

Crisman FOIA: Bolduc reported that she has heard nothing further and does not expect to as she pointed the requestor to our website where she can get the minutes requested for free versus having to pay a fee if we provided copies of them.

Recycling plan: Bolduc no update.

Audit: The semiannual audit by Baird, Cotter, and Bishop began Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 8 AM and concluded Wednesday, April 29, 2015, by 5 PM as planned. The report has not been delivered as yet.

Maple Hill Cem: Bolduc reporting attending the meeting with Keith Calkins on Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 7 PM at the Rose Lake Twp hall where the main topic of discussion was

the purchase of 10.7 acres of land to add to the cemetery both burial spots and locations for compost. Asking price is roughly \$1,600.00 per acre which will be split between the four owning twps each twp paying approximately \$4,280.00. Eggle wished to review the cemetery and take this into consideration with further discussion after review.

Tech Purchases: Akers reported on a quote from Office Max in Cadillac as well as beginning discussion with Cadillac Computers. Bolduc is concerned with service after purchase and set up of necessary programs. Discussion of the need to move forward yet this month due to programs used and their service end dates coming up soon. Nemish motioned to move forward with a spending cap of \$4,000.00 for 3 desk top or tower computers and 1 lap top computer purchasing other items as necessary such as a projector to get firm estimates on comparable components and service and use the lowest, 2nd Black. Passed.

Election 5/5/15: Bolduc reported on the election. As usual, our workers make a great team and the day while not without interesting moments went very smoothly. One voter got turned away due to a mix up. Bolduc has sent a letter of apology. See attached for turn out numbers, etc.

The State will reimburse for most expenses related to conducting this election. Bolduc has attached a proposed itemization of reimbursement. Bolduc will submit that to the State yet this week.

New Business:

Road Contract: Eggle presented and reviewed the contract with Osceola County for re-paving 150th Ave. between the south base of Jeffery Hill and 22 Mile. Bolduc motion to approve contract dated 4.14.2015 for paving 150th from Jeffery Hill to 22 Mile for Twp amount of \$29,000.00, discussion initiated by Nemish on contract not containing any back out clause such as was added to the last contract. Bolduc pointed out that this situation is different as this bid is not being let at the State level. Bolduc's motion was not seconded. Eggle called for a motion with the addition of the sentence "The Twp will have the option to" pending Luke Houlton's approval Nemish motioned 2nd by Akers. Passed. Follow up between Eggle and Houlton with Bolduc to sign contract if Houlton approves change.

OCTA Meeting: Notice of the OCTA meeting, Monday, May 18, 2015, 7 PM Kettunen Center. Eggle can not attend as it is on a Monday when he has other commitments. Bolduc and Akers said they would try and attend.

Tire Clean-Up: Eggle discussed the 3rd Annual Tire Clean-up. Discussion of which date to choose for Sherman to provide helpers and who will help. Recommendation to choose Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Plan to put notice in with Summer Tax Statements. Helpers possibly Eggle, Akers, Nemish, Calkins, Peterson.

Road Co. Resign: Dave Johns a member of the Township Road Committee tendered his resignation. Eggle asked if there were suggestions for nomination. None were made. Louie

Nye volunteered. Eggle nominated Louie Nye for the position of member of the Township Road Committee, 2nd Black. Passed.

Cemetery Issue: A mistake was made resulting in burying Mr. Richard Bowers in the wrong location (F34-2 vs. F35-2). Township will do what is necessary and cover expenses of such to move him to the correct location. Motion to refund the \$350 for grave opening to the family of Mr. Bowers Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed. Bolduc will include a letter of apology. The move is scheduled for this coming Friday.

Twp Picnic: 5th Annual Twp Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, the 19th of July, 2015.

Beach Sand: Issue was covered under “Parks.”

New FOIA Documents:

The State laws covering FOIA are changing effective July 1, 2015. Twp’s must institute policies. Bolduc went to a session at the MTA on the Road event earlier today which covered the FOIA topic. Each Board member has a generic copy of MTA suggested policies. Bolduc asks that each member review those and be prepared to vote policies in place at the June meeting. Copies of the policies are available on MTA’s website (both the member and the non member sections).

Announcements: Annual ZBA meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 7 PM.

Ext. Pub. Comment: Adam Hundley RE: Tire Clean-up. requested contact information for Peggy Hoard coordinator of the grant program doing the tire clean-up.

Adjourn: Motion by Bolduc to adjourn at 9:12 PM, 2nd Eggle. Passed.