

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 23, 2017

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 3 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 7:02 PM. There were no comments and public comment closed at 7:02 PM.
- Agenda:** Motion by Bolduc to accept the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Passed.
- Road Issues:** Eggle called this Special Meeting for the purpose of discussing Township road issues. First was the issue of BRINE. The board discussed with input from Ed Morton, Township Road Committee Chair, the pros and cons of placing an early “second” application of brine on all the township’s gravel/dirt roads. The county pays for one application and the four townships in each quadrant take turns being first, second...last. It is Sherman’s turn to be last, and it has been estimated by Luke Houlton that we would not get brine until early August. Citizens have complained about the levels of dust especially in areas where heavy farm machinery are regularly traveling. Per county policy the “second” application paid for by the townships can be applied first. Beyond the base cost of the materials the costs are calculated based on the workers doing it on Friday’s or other non standard work days; and therefore, they would get paid time and a half. This was one of the major points of discussion influencing our decision.
- Motion by Eggle to approve the contract with the county for a “June 1” brine application for \$13,449, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bolduc. Discussion. Can we stipulate the amount of time in-between brine applications to be not less than 30 days? Stipulation added to motion. Motion approved.
- Second point of discussion was gravel projects as outlined by a drive around done by members of the Township Road Committee. There were five areas identified, see attached map. Question of what if any additional charges would there be for ditching etc. on 170<sup>th</sup> North of Mackinaw Trail which is one of the identified locations to put gravel?
- Motion by Bolduc to approve gravel contract for \$15,400 and move forward with these projects this summer work season, 2<sup>nd</sup> Black. Discussion. Nemish concerned with other expenses i.e. ditching and the like. He would like to have full facts before vote. Black withdrew support. Motion died.
- Announcements:** None.
- Ext. Pub Comment:** Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 8:25 PM. There were 2 comments, and public comment closed at 8:27 PM.
- Adjourn:** Motion by Nemish to adjourn at 8:27 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup>Eggle. Passed.