

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
July 14, 2015

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 16 guests.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with Prayer by Akers followed by the Pledge.
- Public Comment:** None.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the regular meeting on June 9, 2015 were read. Motion to approve minutes as corrected, Akers, 2nd Eggle. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for June was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$80,833.12, Receipts \$21,630.36, Disbursements \$20,451.18, Ending balance \$82,012.30. This includes \$373.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,836.35 Receipts \$2.78 Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,839.13. General Fund Total ending balance \$180,851.43.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$65,553.67 Receipts \$27.69, Disbursements \$9.94, Ending balance \$65,571.42, Encumbered \$29,000.00.
- Motion to accept June report as presented, Bolduc, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay bills, Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as amended, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Neither Neimer nor Gregory in attendance.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers reviewed minutes from the June Fire Board meeting, see attached.
- Plan Commission:** Nemish reviewed the PC meeting. There were 3 permits issued. The zoning reclassification for Cadillac Winery on 18 Mile road was approved. The PC did discuss property value protections and chose to make no changes to the draft.
- Parks Comm.:** John Iler, a lake side resident and member of our Park Committee, and Chris Gentry, Kettenun Center director, came as representatives of the residents and businesses on Center Lake to present about the Eurasian milfoil which has continued to proliferate and is more of a problem than ever! It is estimated that in 2 to 3 years we could have floating “rafts” of the stuff completely messing with the ecosystems of the lake. Asking and receiving the boards approval they will work to find a professional and get cost estimates for help making the next move to control

this invasive species. The board also discussed the lake being a “no wake” lake and a sign posted at the park RE that. Bolduc received a phone call of complaint from an out of township Center Lake user who was confronted by someone as they came off the lake in their boat.

The tree project is finished and can be removed from the agenda.

- Road Comm.:** Morton reported on the committee and road work activities. The Twp Comm is discussing possibilities for using the final amount of millage funding. Estimates for crack seal \$3,800 for 21 Mile between Twp hall and 160th, and \$3,200 for 160th between 20 and 21 Mile.
- Correspondence:** From– Marion school re the May 2015 bond referendum.
Copy of our Newsletter for the file.
- Old Business:**
- EMS Situation:** Ground breaking in Tustin. Bolduc and her three boys attended. Middle son Seth was invited to participate in ceremonial dig as he showed up in construction gear! The Big Rapids newspaper covered the event and a picture was put on the front page. Bolduc supplied the Twp with a copy, see attached.
- Twp Roads 2015:** State funds are being stretched thinner and thinner. The Board will discuss in the months to come requesting a millage renewal during next year’s election cycle.
- Audit:** Eggle reviewed several highlights from the recent audit which went well, and the Twp received a good report. He thanked all for a job well done.
- Maple Hill Cem:** Nemish is working with Kevin Draper from Rose Lake Twp. Details yet to be ironed out, so it’s a slow moving project.
- Tech Purchases:** Revamp of computers and associated programs is completed.
- Cemetery Issue:** Langworthy and Bolduc still need to get together and put some figures as a proposal to the board.
- New Business:**
- Tire Clean-Up:** Our date of Thursday, July 23, 2015, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, is coming up quickly. Helpers Eggle, Akers, Nemish?, Mike Black, Al Peterson, Keith Calkins.
- OLS:** Tasha Lapinski has requested consideration of attending the Osceola Leadership Summit. She is unsure of her job situation in the fall and wanted to nail that down first. Bolduc questioned if there were also OCTA funds to support a portion of the “tuition” such as was done when she attended. Final decision next meeting. OSL begins middle to end of Sept.
- Center Lake Issues:** Joanne Iler came representing the residence around Center Lake and other concerned citizens who have signed a petition, see attached, requesting better controls for users of the Twp Park area. The residents are concerned because the people coming in to use the park are not following the posted guidelines such as no dogs allowed, no alcohol or drugs, and leaving by dark. There was discussion following her presentation with input from both the board members and other residents of the Lake. Resolution is tricky. Board agrees that something needs to

be done, but is not sure what that something is. Eggle requested someone on the board to work with him to review what has recently been done at Lake Meauwataka where there were issues and change instituted in the last year or so.

Zoning 7.9e: The PC reviewed our request from last month to possibly include a property value protection clause. They recommended no changes to the draft with a 4 to 1 vote. We have 3 options: consider draft as is, consider adding PVP (property value protection) or do nothing and table the whole thing. Eggle commented he would like to see PVP included and then went around the table giving each board member opportunity to comment. Akers, things are covered well as is no need for additional PVP. Nemish, PC worked for a long time and doesn't think PVP is feasible. Black, question can we do it in a legal way? Has it been tested? Is in favor if we could do it legally. Bolduc, could argue herself into either opinion. Would like to see us explore putting PVP in.

Nemish objects to the Board looking into adding PVP when PC has already determined no. Motion to accept zoning ordinance current draft of 7.9e as presented and to finish the adoption process, 2nd Akers. Motion discussed. Black thinks it would be a shame to not at least explore PVP.

Roll call vote: Black no, Eggle no, Bolduc no, Nemish yes, Akers yes.
3 NO to 2 YES.

Eggle to work on putting together a road map or game plan for August meeting.

July BOR: July BOR will be Wednesday, July 22, 2015, at 1 PM.

Twp Picnic: 5th Annual Twp Picnic will be Sunday, the 19th of July, 2015, from 1 to 3 PM.

Budget to Date: Bolduc handed out to the board a copy of the budget to date for their review.

Announcements: Virginia Franke Salisbury found in her attic and donated two books of maps similar to our plat books circa 1878. It very interesting to see the historical maps. The Board will move forward to build a display case (Akers), find a home for the second book (Tustin or Co. Museum – Eggle), write a thank you letter, and digitize/copy (Bolduc).

Ext. Pub. Comment: John Iler RE: map. Michigan Historical Museum is a good resource to help with copying/digitizing. That is where we got the copy of the 1839 survey which is on the wall.

Ed Morton RE: Center Lake. Interesting lake has a “no wake” sign and we say no high speed boating and Center Lake Bible Camp uses a picture in their advertising of someone tubing!

Harvey Langworthy RE: 7.9e. Thankful for what the Board has done.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:26 PM, 2nd Nemish. Passed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Bethany Bolduc, Clerk _____