

**SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
April 14, 2015**

Members Present: Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.

Guests: 12 guests.

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with Prayer by Bolduc followed by the Pledge.

Public Comment: Harvey Langworthy RE: Wind Energy/7.9e, etc. Majority of voters and property owners don't want turbines. Fight the voters not SOS. Townships who let them (wind turbines and turbine companies) in are now fighting them. Now is the time to get the ordinance written properly. We want to get this settled. Handout titled "Huron Co. Pushes Stop Button on Wind Development" by Capcon.

Divert from agenda to Marion Superintendent of Schools – Mort Meier

Superintendent Meier presented for about ten minutes on the bond proposal on the May 5 ballot. Following the presentation he took questions from the Board and citizens.

Clerk's Report: The minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2015 were read. Motion to approve minutes as presented, Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for March presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$65,418.71, Receipts \$32,558.62, Disbursements \$10,911.64, Ending balance \$87,065.69. This includes \$373.75 for the Picnic Fund. CD: Beginning balance \$98,721.79 Receipts \$0 Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$98,721.79. General Fund Total ending balance \$185,787.48.

Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$1,860.60 Receipts \$113,708.48, Disbursements \$56,854.24, Ending balance \$58,714.84, Encumbered \$0.

Motion to accept March 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, Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed. Later in the meeting another item which had slipped by was added, Motion to approve further amendments to the agenda, Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed

Co. Commissioners: Comm. Gregory attended the meeting. The property in Tustin has been deeded from the Village of Tustin to Osceola Co., and the building let out for bids ending April 30, 2015 with discussion hoped for at the first Comm. meeting in May.

Fire Board Report: Akers reviewed minutes from the March Fire Board meeting, see attached. Annual Fire Board meeting minutes were taken by another individual and are not available yet.

Plan Commission: Nemish reviewed the PC meeting. No permits. The PC has discussed property value protection but took no action to include it in 7.9e. Nemish and Moesta pursuant to the request to rezone a section of 22 mile as commercial spoke with MTA and any rezoning must be consistent with the Twps Master Plan. Creating a pocket of commercial land in that area is not consistent with the Master Plan. There is no support at this time within the PC to amend the Master Plan. The property owner can appeal this decision or seek a different location for their proposed business.

There was also discussion of another property owner seeking rezoning (Cadillac Winery). The situation is completely different as the property in question is adjacent to land already zoned commercial and will be an expansion of the current business. The property owner was directed to continue the application process.

SOS has questioned the role and authority of the ZBA. The PC has investigated the duties of the ZBA and found that to change those duties and authorities would necessitate a change in Twp ordinances. At this time the PC feels that the ZBA is not broken and requires no fixing.

A copy of the current revision of 7.9e was handed out to each board member and will be made accessible to the public consistent with past versions. One substantial change is the setback from unleased property which was changed from 5 times the tower height to 10 times the tower height. Tower height maximum is listed in the ordinance as 199 feet with the tip of the rotor blade up. Set back would be 1990 feet which is more than 1/3 of a mile. As part of the adoption process the PC plans to hold a Public Hearing possibly in conjunction with the June 2, 2015, PC meeting. Motion to move the May PC meeting from its conflicting date with the Election on May 5 to Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 7 PM Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Parks Comm.: Akers spoke with the logger re Grove Hill tree thinning. Logger expects to begin work within the next two weeks. Iler requested a load of sand for the Center Lake Twp Park beach area. Motion by Akers to purchase from Franke 10 yards of beach sand as has been done in the past and request Iler to coordinate delivery, 2nd Nemish. Passed. Discussion of highest point in N. Lower MI. It used to be Grove Hill but is currently listed as a ski hill which was modified to be higher. Akers suggested raising a mound on Grove Hill to reposition it as the highest point in N. Lower MI.

Road Comm.: No meeting was held in April. First meeting of the season scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2015, 7 PM. Luke Houlton stopped in during the meeting. Proposed contract for 150th from base of Jeffery Hill to 22 Mile at Twp portion \$31,000 which is lower than originally estimated. Update on the contract out for bid at the State level. Our figures were good with the State engineers coming in at \$3,000 lower. We will be part of the bid letting in June which allows for a start date in

July, completion in August.

- Correspondence:** From– Roseann Crisman a 9 page letter which included a request for meeting minutes from November 2014 through April 14, 2015. Items from Municipal Retirement Systems which the Clerk and Supervisor have dealt with.
Flyer from MTA referencing their On the Road Spring workshops.
Motion by Bolduc to attend the MTA On the Road workshop on May 12, 2015 cost of \$99 plus mileage, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
CAPS re collecting summer taxes.
Intuit QuickBooks re payroll service support for version 2012 ending May 31, 2015.
Notice of Public Hearing re construction codes at State level
Osceola Co. Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting notification.
John Langworthy re 7.9e as he has not been able to be at the last couple meetings.

Old Business:

EMS Situation: Nothing further.

Twp Roads 2015: Nothing further.

Matthewson FOIA: Again Bolduc reported no contact, no payment.

Recycling plan: Bolduc is still researching options to make garbage service adequate and less expensive which will allow recycling to be worth the time and effort.

New Business:

Audit: The semiannual audit by Baird, Cotter, and Bishop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 8AM. Black is ready. Bolduc is working on it.

Maple Hill Cem: A meeting of all concerned Twps co-owners of Maple Hill Cemetery has been called for Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 7 PM at the Rose Lake Twp hall. Eggle has a schedule conflict and can not attend. Requested someone to represent Sherman Twp? Bolduc volunteers herself and her brother, Keith Calkins, to attend.

Tech Purchases: Bolduc noted that the Treasurer element is on a time line to get her new software in place for Summer tax collection by the first of June. Bolduc noted that she also needs things in place before the expiration of the payroll support on May 31, 2015. Price quotes will be obtained by Bolduc and Akers, and they will report back next meeting for decision.

Twp Zoning: Akers led a general discussion of the topic.

Election 5/5/15: Bolduc reported preparation to date. Motion by Bolduc for the following election workers; H. John Iler, Cynthia Monfils, Cheryl Worst, Elna Sherman, Bethany Bolduc for a total of five working the election along with two people, one from each party, as back-up paid a half day per diem of \$31.24 to hold the day open,

those are Ken Neuman and Karen Peters. 2nd Akers. Passed.

Aspen Contract: Bolduc brought an updated copy of the contract for mowing and grave digging with Aspen Outdoors. The contract is the same as last year, per phone discussion with Tim Simerson. Only the dates were changed. Motion to approve contract with Aspen Outdoors Eggle, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Announcements: None.

Ext. Pub. Comment: Ed Morton RE Computers: support after the purchase is sometimes more important than price alone when choosing whom to buy from.

Harvey Langworthy RE Roads: there is not just one dirt road with a side/ditch problem but several! If the grader would just move over 12 inches.

Ed Morton RE Roads: *replying to HL issue* is also road grader vs. truck with a blade doing the work.

Eggle asked Morton to connect with Jerry Nelson at the Co. Road garage and discuss this problem.

Harvey Langworthy RE Wind energy: Iowa has more wind production potential. State should cut a deal to bring in out of state energy from wind sources.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:00 PM, 2nd Black. Passed.