

SHERMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 13, 2017

- Members Present:** Don Akers, Sharon Black, Bethany Bolduc, David Eggle, Pete Nemish.
- Guests:** 9 people.
- Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Eggle with prayer by Akers 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.
- Clerk's Report:** The minutes from the meeting on May 9, 2017, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Akers, 2nd Black. Passed.
- The minutes from the special meeting on May 23, 2017, were reviewed. Motion to approve minutes as presented Eggle, 2nd Black. Passed.
- Treasurer's Report:** Report for May was presented – Checking account: Beginning balance \$74,062.60, Receipts \$15,458.80, Disbursements \$11,289.78, Ending balance \$78,231.62. This includes \$188.75 for the Picnic Fund as donated by citizens. CD: Beginning balance \$129,338.00, Receipts \$156.37, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$129,494.37. General Fund Total ending balance \$207,725.37.
- Voted Millage Account (Fire and Roads): Beginning balance \$73,239.08, Receipts \$9.95, Disbursements \$0, Ending balance \$73,249.03. Encumbered \$21,425.00.
- Motion to accept May report as presented, Akers, 2nd Nemish. Passed.
- Discussion of CD's. Recommendation by consensus to roll over maturing CD into another CD for 6 months.
- Bills:** Bills were presented and discussed. Motion to pay monthly bills totaling \$5,111.17 from General Fund, Nemish, 2nd Akers. Passed.
- Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda as presented, Akers, 2nd Bolduc. Passed.
- Co. Commissioners:** Commissioner Nehmer attended and spoke on several county wide issues: Business as usual, Sheriff rolling over some vehicles, K. Green renewal for 3 year Community Mental Health, approval on new fire equipment, still working on court house security measures, co. clerk moving forward with employee badges. BOC meeting July 18, 2017, around noon at the new COA building in Marion.
- Fire Board Report:** Akers presented the minutes of the May Fire Board meeting, see attached.

- Plan Commission:** Nemish reported on the PC meeting and public hearings held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. Fitzgerald's request was approved, Verizon tower proposal request was approved, and the minor changes to the Zoning Ordinance were also approved. Discussion of the need for the Board to now vote on the Zoning Ordinance. Request that Lapinski send a copy (email version is fine) to all board members prior to the July meeting, and we will plan to review and vote then. Next PC meeting is Wednesday, July 5, 2017, due to the 4th of July holiday. There will also be a public hearing with this meeting on the Calkins special use request.
- Parks Comm.:** Akers read a memo of appreciation and mentioned several people by name, see attached. It was noted that several people should receive a certificate of appreciation for their work on both the Grove Hill and Center Lake projects.
- Road Comm.:** Morton reported on the Road Committee meeting. Reviewed county finance situation. Most Twps now have passed road millages and the county is being glutted with work requests. This is straining the county's finances. Extended payment options might go away for a while. The county is ahead of schedule on the brine applications and our county paid for application will be happening shortly. Our twp paid for application will be held in reserve if we need it in the early fall (Aug or Sept etc.) Discussion of the gravel projects and clarification with the county regarding the 170th possible ditching. Luke Houlton and the head foreman do not think we will have much if any cost overruns. Twp Road Committee recommendation to move forward with gravel projects.
- Correspondence:** Bolduc had 4 items 1) District Health notice of beaches they are and are not testing, 2) Copy of financials for Maple Hill Cemetery, 3) Letter from Beckett & Raeder regarding work on the Clam Lake Township Master Plan, 4) Invoice "PAID" from Joshwa Salisbury Inc. showing the topsoil as a donation for the Grove Hill project.
- Old Business:**
- Park Projects 2016:** Grove Hill – see above.
Center Lake – Iler said that Restorative Lake Sciences will be conducting a survey of the Milfoil weather permitting next Monday. The results will give a better focus for application of chemicals this summer. Iler stated that the granular product placed last fall in his opinion seemed to be killing the weed.
- Cemetery Sign:** Still working this issue. Akers volunteered to assist. Bolduc is much appreciative of his help.
- Kettunen Lumber:** Nothing to report.
- AMAR:** Eggle was told by the Assessor that a request was received for and responded to regarding the files of 18 parcels which were randomly picked for review. No date has yet been given to us for the review board to physically come and inspect.
- Zoning Ordinance:** Board planning to vote next meeting.
- Tire Clean-up:** Reviewed workers for the date when Sherman is helping load the tires. See attached print out of slides for dates. Question if we should and how we would advertise.

Audit: Audit was completed on schedule. Minor tweaking to our procedures as per usual, but no glaring oopsies. Draft papers were given to the Clerk, and a full copy expected before next month which the Board will review.

**New Business:
Cemetery:**

Bolduc reviewed the on going issue with a family related to their loved one's headstone. After investigation by the Bolduc with Tim Simmerson, his son and employee and Ruth Calkins, the headstone has grass roots surrounding the original base. The stone is sitting right where it was placed 26 years ago. It has sunk into the sod by about 1.5 inches. The family is still not happy. Our lawyers have been watching over Bolduc's shoulder as she has responded to the family, and at this point all agree that we wait to see if the family pursues or lets the matter drop.

Tim Simmerson dropped off three estimates, see attached, for the removal of the two maple trees and trimming other trees as marked. Low bid was \$3,500, mid was \$3,750, and high was \$4,100. Discussion. Review of what the bids entailed. All are for the same work, and Simmerson as well as our Sexton will oversee the job. Motion by Nemish to accept the low bid from Brooks Tree Service & Forest Products for \$3,500, 2nd Akers. Passed.

Gravel Projects: Eggle reviewed, see attached, the 5 areas where gravel has been proposed to be spread. Discussion. Luke Houlton does not anticipate any large cost over runs. Motion by Nemish to approve the contract with the County for gravel for \$15,400 to be spread on the 5 areas we have identified adding a provision to the contract stating that the total not to exceed \$17,400, 2nd Black. Passed.

Upcoming Dates: Eggle reviewed on a power point slide upcoming meetings and important dates.

Misc. Items: Bolduc noted that she recently saw info by the State on repair work to be done at M115 and 20 Mile Road intersection in Sept/Oct.

Per phone conversation Bolduc had late this afternoon with the County Clerk's office there has been no word to date on the potential recall of Marion school board members. Dates for them to finalize for a November ballot are in mid July.

Announcements: Annual Twp Picnic schedule for Sunday, July 16, 2017, at 1 PM. Tent rental is \$340 which is more than we currently have. Request for people to donate for this event. Discussion on how to get the word out about it.

Board of Review tentative date for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 9 AM.

Ext. Pub Comment: Eggle opened the floor for extended public comment at 9:21 PM. There was one comment, and public comment closed at 9:21 PM.

Adjourn: Motion by Akers to adjourn at 9:21 PM, 2nd Black. Passed.