

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 5, 2012 (approved)

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2012. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, Psarouthakis, Simons and Spiegel. There were (11) public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Psarouthakis, supported by Simons to approve the 12/1/11 minutes.
Motion carried.

Dustin Krasny, Congressman Tim Walberg's representative gave a report on what issues the Congressman has been working on: job creation and regulations, tax reform and energy production.

John Savage reported under public comment that he inspected the Waldo Road bridge and that he thought that the Washtenaw County Road Commission needed to apply gravel on both sides of the bridge.

Motion by Aiuto, supported by Psarouthakis to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Clerk Aiuto gave Peter Psarouthakis the oath of office for the Trustee position and gave Brian Simons the oath of office for the Treasurer's position.

Karen Page (Sharon Township's Assessor) reviewed over documentation from BS & A Software and answered Board questions about future viewing of property tax information from the Township website. Page will inquire if an additional contract needed to be signed and if the Township could terminate without any penalty at anytime.

Treasurer Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for November. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Simons reported that 45% of the winter taxes had been collected. Simons distributed a memorandum informing the Sharon Township Board of an oversight that he had discovered in the tax administration fees calculated for the 2010 winter tax season and the setup was carried over into the 2011 winter tax season too. He has now corrected the err (please see attached memorandum).

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for December: issued no zoning permits, there were no complaints, no land splits, no new signs and two new addresses. Wilson addressed the mobile home fees with Durussel Farms and reported

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that they are in the process of disassembling them. Motion made by Aiuto, supported by Spiegel that DuRussel Farms' mobile home fees are waived for 2011 contingent upon them removing all 10 trailers off the property prior to 5/1/12. If the trailers are not removed by 5/1/12, the \$100.00/per trailer fee for the remaining trailers must be paid for 2011. Motion carried.

Kathy Spiegel reported that the Planning Commission was working through the zoning ordinance updates and a public hearing would be held once the changes were made.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in December.

Jim Hopkins, chair of the Mineral Licensing Board reported that the MLB had no meeting in December but had attended the Freedom Township Board meeting to obtain information about the new gravel pit along Kothe Road. Stone Co. a subsidiary of Thompson-McAuley would activate the pit in 2014 or later, run a maximum of 50 trucks per day and the haul route would be a ½ mile on Kothe Road to Pleasant Lake Road then M-52. They stated that the pit had approximately a 20 year lifetime. Hopkins reported that Kothe Road has to be upgraded to a class A road and that papers needed to be filed with the DEQ.

Spiegel reported that the Chelsea Area Construction Authority received a check for \$189,000.00 from the Chelsea Hospital addition and that the Board voted on paying Mrs. Porath \$50,000.00 and that a sub committee was formed to develop a budget and form a payment schedule to prepare for the balloon payment in 2014.

Spiegel reported that SWWCOG had not had a meeting but it was scheduled for next week. She stated that they would be looking at working on consolidating 5 township ordinances. The only ordinance she had received any feedback on was the mineral extraction ordinance. Aiuto suggested the Hazmat Ordinance and possibly working on a 425 agreement for Village sewer and water services for all the Townships.

Old Business

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Hazmat Ordinance. A resolution was made by Psarouthakis, supported by Aiuto to adopt the Hazardous Materials Ordinance effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Psarouthakis: yes; Aiuto: yes; Frey: yes; Simons: yes and Spiegel: yes. The resolution was adopted.

Psarouthakis reported that he had been dealing with the County regarding the drain invoices. He reported that the Drain Commission agreed to split the difference and that Sharon Township was only responsible for \$3,132.13 as final payment of the past due

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invoices. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to pay the \$3,132.13. Motion carried.

The Board agreed that McTaggart Masonary did a great job repairing the front porch steps.

Frey reported that the Townhall furnace needed to be looked at again.

New Business

The Board discussed the Open Meetings Act and how it pertains to the Thursday worksessions. Psarouthakis distributed to the Board an Open Meetings Handbook.

The Board discussed the crop lease agreement with Walt Horodeczny for the M-52 property. Motion by Frey, supported by Simons to table the agreement until the next meeting. Yeas: Psarouthakis, Frey, Simons and Spiegel. Abstain: Aiuto. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that the Presidential Primary would be held on February 28, 2012 and that it was a primary for both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Aiuto reported that Sharon Township was selected for an IRS audit that would take place on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and Thursday, January 12, 2012.

The Board discussed the upcoming MTA conference. The Board agreed that any Board member wanting to attend that the Township would pay the conference fee but that there would be no overnight accommodations to be paid.

After review of the bills, motion by Spiegel , supported by Simons to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Contact Road Commission regarding gravel for Waldo Road Bridge area-Frey
2. What is needed for the workstation to obtain tax info from the website-Spiegel
3. Furnace Repair-Frey
4. Censor for outside light-Wilson
5. Contact Horodeczny regarding Crop Lease-Frey
6. Contact Modern Waste-Psarouthakis