

**SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**May 3, 2012, approved**

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, May 3, 2012. Aiuto called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Psarouthakis, Simons and Spiegel. Absent: Frey. There were (20) twenty public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the 4/9/12 minutes. Motion carried.

Jim Wilson commented that he didn't appreciate the Clerk asking if everyone had signed the guest list. He stated that the Sharon Township residents are not guests! And that he had told the Clerk before that he did not appreciate her referring to them as guests. Clerk Aiuto apologized and stated that it was just habit after 16 years referring to the sign up sheet as her guest list.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Simons to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for March. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. He reviewed over the tax settlement statement for summer and winter 2011.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for April: issued one zoning permit, there were no new complaints, no land splits, no new signs and no new addresses. Aiuto inquired about the status of the DuRussel trailers. Wilson to check and report back at the next meeting.

Trustee Spiegel reported that the Planning Commission approved the Grass Lake Sanctuary's special use application with the following conditions: all temporary buildings and bungalows must be removed from the site in the event the use ceases for any reason for a period of more than 6 months; no retreat activities are to be conducted in violation of local, state, or federal law; the applicants must meet all sight distance requirements for driveways as set forth by the Washtenaw County Road Commission; the curfew referred to in the permit application should be defined as 10 P.M.; and the season of operation referred to in the permit application should be defined as April 16 through November 14. Motion made by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to approve

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the preliminary site plan application and special use permit with the conditions set forth from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Spiegel also inquired about the planner reviewing over the zoning ordinance for compliance with the Zoning Enabling Act. Motion by Simons, supported by Spiegel to allocate \$600.00-\$800.00 for the planner to review over the zoning ordinance to comply with the Zoning Enabling Act. Motion carried. The Planning Commission will **obtain estimates from Erin Purdue and discuss with** Midwestern Consulting regarding regulating oil fracking.

Psarouthakis reported that he attended the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission meeting and that the members inquired about Sharon Township joining and that they would like an answer by the next meeting which was May 15, 2012. Motion by Aiuto, supported by Simons not to join the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in April.

Jim Hopkins reported that the Mineral Licensing Board elected Andrew Deleeuw as secretary; that a tentative date (July 17<sup>th</sup>) was chosen for the 2012 annual meeting; and that they would be adopting their own by-laws.

Roy Thompson from the Washtenaw County Road Commission presented the 2012 dust and project proposal for Sharon Township. Mr. Thompson also reported that there was a site issue on the corners of Jacob and Easudes Roads and that they would be cutting and trimming trees and ditching the road. The Washtenaw County Road Commission's proposal for dust control was discussed. Motion by Aiuto, supported by Spiegel to apply three coats of brine to all the Township's gravel roads. Motion carried.

~~Jim Hopkins reported that he had attended the CACA meeting~~ **No CACA report was given.**

Psarouthakis reported that SWWCOG had discussed the law enforcement activity for the Townships and the Village. He reported that the Michigan State Police would be attending their next meeting.

Old Business

Discussed Township hall repairs. Spiegel reported that the smell of bat droppings were getting worse. Psarouthakis to get estimates for cost of clean up.

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Adding property tax information to the website will be on hold until the next fiscal year budget is approved.

The easement to the South 52 property was tabled indefinitely.  
The 2012 –2013 draft budget was discussed and changes were made.

Simons and Psarouthakis reported that they had received proposals from Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes, PLC and The Plato Law Firm, PLLC for Township legal services and that they were still researching law firms for the Township.

The e-waste event was discussed. Wilson to take all the Township's old computers to be recycled.

Aiuto reported that she was still working on all the paperwork that was involved in the IRS audit and that she should have it completed by the next meeting.

Spiegel inquired about offering a subscription to the Township newsletter for a fee.

John Savage inquired about the bills being reviewed before public comment.

Jim Hopkins commented that **rules for** public comment should ~~not~~ be ~~limited~~ **applied consistently**. Mr. Vogelson and Mrs. Farmer inquired about the attorney search and how were the attorneys contacted.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

**Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk**