

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 28, 2012 (unapproved)

The Sharon Township Board held a special Board meeting on Thursday, June 28, 2012. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, Psarouthakis, Simons, and Spiegel. There were twelve (12) attendees present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ed Plato and Patrick McCauley from the Plato Law Firm, PLLC introduced themselves and gave their presentation. The Board asked many questions in the interview. The fracking issue was heavily discussed.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to amend and approve the 6/7/12 minutes. Motion carried.

Roger Kappler stated that he had great concerns regarding fracking.

Rocky Ward stated that he was very concerned about the special use permit for the Grass Lake Sanctuary and that the intention for the permit might slowly evolve into another intention which may jeopardize his health, safety and welfare. He wondered how far the finalization was for the special use permit and inquired whether or not the permit could be regulated to only certain programs and thought that the Township should monitor the sanctuary periodically to make sure that they were in compliance. Spiegel and Frey to inquire to the Planning Commission about the status of the special use permit.

Reno Feldkamp commented on his dissatisfaction with the Township roads.

William Fahey from Fahey, Schultz, Burzych and Rhodes, PLC introduced himself and gave his presentation. The Board asked many questions in the interview.

Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for May. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Simons reported that Washtenaw County had collected \$13,000.00 in delinquent taxes and that the summer tax bills had been mailed.

Trustee Spiegel gave the zoning administrator's report in Dave Wilson's absent. She reported that a barn on Wingate Road was being converted into a single family residence and that DuRussel's were still in the process of disassembling the trailers.

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Trustee Spiegel reported that the Nature Preserve on Grass Lake Road wanted to put in a ground level board walk and was advised that all they needed was a zoning permit. She reported that the P/C determined that the Grass Lake Sanctuary's pizza oven does not fall into a non-conforming structure and that they need to move it out of the setback if they want to make it permanent. Spiegel reported that they were going to have the business sign ordinance reviewed according to MTA. Board discussed using the four billable hours they approved for miscellaneous questions for the Planner to obtain and inquire about fracking. Motion by Aiuto, supported by Spiegel to use some of the four billable hours. Motion carried.

Psaraouthakis reported that he did not attend the Manchester Joint Planning Commission meeting.

Aiuto reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had no meeting in June.

Jim Hopkins reported that the Mineral Licensing Board was working with both Farmer Sand & Gravel and 52 Minerals, LLC regarding bids for their reclamation plans. He stated that 52 Minerals, LLC had until the end of June to provide their irrevocable letter of credit. He reported that the MLB would be holding their annual meeting on July 17th. Hopkins also reported that he would be making a visit to Keith Alber regarding removing material from his property.

Jim Hopkins reported that CACA paid an additional \$12,000.00 in principal to Porath Construction; the building permits keep coming in and that the cleaning person was rehired at \$120.00/month. He also inquired to the CACA Board about why Farmer Sand & Gravel and 52 Minerals, LLC were paying different soil erosion fees.

Psaraouthakis reported that Bridgewater Township had discontinued their WATS membership and that the other Townships needed to increase their membership dues by \$50.00/year. Motion by Psaraouthakis, supported by Spiegel to increase the WATS dues by \$50.00/year. Motion carried.

Old and New Business

Spiegel reported that she would contact BS&A software so she could begin to add property tax information to the website. She also reported that the zoning ordinance updates would also be put on the website.

Psaraouthakis reported that he contacted pest companies for estimates to remove the bats from the attic but they require \$150.00 to \$200.00 just for the estimate. It was

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recommended by one company to wait until after August for the estimate. There was no Board decision.

The Township hall air conditioning was discussed. Motion by Psarouthakis, supported by Aiuto to approve up to \$700.00 for air conditioning unit/s contingent upon the Township hall electrical supporting the unit/s. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2011-2012 Sharon Township budget. The following line items were over budget: Accountant: \$3,500.00; Total Assessor: \$370.00; Clerk: \$.08; Drain Assessment: \$2,358.92; Highway & Roads: \$38.85; Insurance: Workman's Compensation: \$15.00; Total Payroll Taxes: \$219.04; Planning Commission \$420.00; Recycling \$405.00; Total Treasurer: \$851.10; Trustees: \$1,789.04; Unallocated: Dues \$1,073.97; Unallocated: Miscellaneous: \$3,743.31; Unallocated: Supplies: \$8.50; Unallocated: Telephone \$396.25; For a total of \$15,189.06. A resolution was made by Aiuto, supported by Simons to amend these line items by allocating under budget money from the following accounts: Attorney Fees: \$5007.50; Building & Grounds: Miscellaneous \$364.47; Building & Grounds: Repair: \$2,250.00; Building & Grounds: Utilities: \$464.27; Cemetery Maintenance: \$455.00; Election Inspector: \$344.25; Fire Protection: \$2,749.66; Insurance: Liability \$2,617.00; Office Equipment: \$2,989.30; Mineral Licensing Board: \$320.00; Planner: \$1,405.00; Unallocated: Conference \$100.00; Unallocated: Postage \$164.21; Unallocated: Print & Publish \$1,152.09; Unallocated: Transportation \$1,123.40; Website: \$1,671.00; Zoning Board of Appeals: \$65.00. For a total of \$23,242.15. The remainder of \$8,053.09 will be applied to the fund balance. Roll Call Vote: Spiegel: yes; Simons: yes; Frey: yes; Aiuto: yes and Psarouthakis: yes. The resolution was adopted and the budget amended.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to approve to pay the Washtenaw County Road Commission's invoice contingent upon receiving a summary from them of what work has been done pertaining to their invoice. Motion carried.

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

John Savage inquired about interviewing more attorneys and asked the Board their thoughts.

Simons answered that the Board heard from two good candidates and that he and Psarouthakis would call some of their references.

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Reno Feldkamp commented that William Fahey overtalked and would not recommend him.

Bob Thodeson commented that he thought Ed Plato was too busy and that William Fahey was covering a lot of townships. He also commented that the security level for the Grass Lake Sanctuary special use permit, the discrimination v. security may not be good.

The Board discussed the dead tree in the Sharon Valley/Sharon Hollow cemetery that needed to be removed before it fell and caused damage to the stones. Psarouthakis to obtain three bids before the next meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk