

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING September 6, 2012

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2012. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. with the following Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, Psarouthakis, Simons and Spiegel. There were (15) fifteen public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Simons to approve the 7/26/12 working minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Psarourhakis, supported by Spiegel to approved the amended minutes. Motion carried.

John Savage commended Trustee Spiegel for her efforts with the Township newsletter and the online access for property tax information.

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

Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for July. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Simons reported that he had received positive feedback about the tax information online and that taxes are continuing to come in.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for August: issued two zoning permits, there were three complaints, no land splits, no new signs and no new addresses. Wilson reported that he spoke with M-DOT regarding replanting the trees for screening at Farmers Sand & Gravel and the cable work in the Township by Frontier Net was discussed. Wilson to check on the Metro Act and will check to see if Frontier Net needs to apply for a permit.

Trustee Spiegel reported that the Planning Commission was going over some of the zoning ordinance to bring it in compliance with the Zoning Enabling Act and that they were updating the special use permit application.

It was noted that the Sharon United Methodist Church was going on with their two year anniversary and that the Township has still not received their as-built drawings. It was suggested that the Township should hold up any permits until the drawings are received. Spiegel to draft a letter to send to the Church. Wilson will call them about their illegal sign in their front yard.

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Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in August.

Jim Hopkins reported that the Mineral Licensing Board was waiting on the Township attorney for the appropriate language for the letter of credit for the gravel pits. He reported that Farmers Sand & Gravel was waiting on an appraisal for their letter of credit and that he should be receiving a letter of credit from Fifty-two Minerals, LLC in the next couple of weeks. He stated that he had determined the reason in the erosion fee difference between the two gravel pits.

Jim Hopkins reported that Chelsea Area Construction Authority had \$230,000.00 in the bank and that they had made an extra payment on the principal.

Psarouthakis reported that he attended the SWWCOG meeting last month and that Manchester Township had settled their lawsuit and that Bridgewater Township had received a grant to upgrade their ramp and steps. Psarouthakis will check on the grant information.

Old Business

Spiegel reported that Sharon Township's tax and assessment information had been added to the website.

Board discussed removing the bats from the township hall attic. Motion by Frey, supported by Spiegel to accept the proposal for \$675.00 from Michigan Wildlife Removal to remove all the bat droppings and bats from the attic with a one year guarantee. Motion carried.

Psarouthakis reported that he had purchased the air conditioning unit and that Stein Electric had upgraded the electrical for it to work.

Grass Lake Sanctuary's special use application was discussed. Motion by Spiegel, supported by Simons to allocate up to 3 hours for the attorney and 3 hours for the planner to review the special use so as to limit the special use for only Grass Lake Sanctuary. Motion carried.

New Business

Spiegel reported that she had registered for a fracking seminar and the cost was \$300.00. After much discussion, both Spiegel and Psarouthakis stated that they would pay for it.

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Aiuto expressed concern over the Board spending money on the webinar, the air conditioning, upgraded electrical for the air conditioning and the bat removal.

Spiegel reported that she and Jim Hopkins would like to attend the MTA conference regarding fund balance and road commissions for \$89.00/per person. Aiuto suggested that the Board pay for Spiegel since she is a trustee. Motion by Frey, supported by Simons to pay \$89.00 for Spiegel to attend the conference. Abstain: Spiegel. Motion carried.

The Board discussed reviewing over the fee schedule at the next meeting.

Jim Wilson inquired about possible cable coming to the Township.

John Savage stated that he felt that the two trustees should not have to pay for the fracking webinar.

Bob Thodeson inquired about the public viewing of the fracking webinar.

Jim Hopkins reported that individuals could view it during scheduled office hours.

Motion by Frey, supported by Simons for the Township to pay for the fracking webinar. Yeas: Frey and Simons. Nays: Aiuto. Abstain: Spiegel and Psarouthakis. Motion denied.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk

