

## Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

**APPROVED**

*March 7, 2013*

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The Sharon Township Board held its regular board meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 13 public attendees.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The pledge of allegiance was said.

**ROLL CALL:** Farmer, Psarouthakis, Simons, Hopkins, Mikel: PRESENT.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Mikel added to New Business: a. opening a staples account, b. purchasing a new shredder, c. lawn mowing bids ad in paper, d. Clerk Resolution for monthly bills

Motion by Simons to approve the amended agenda as presented, supported by Hopkins.  
Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE February 7, 2013 MINUTES:**

Motion by Simons to approve February 7, 2013 minutes as presented, supported by Farmer.  
Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident asked about the sliding scale (that was published in the planning commission meeting minutes). Bill Lewis mentioned it having to do with residents who have less than 10 acres and are interested in having animals. Dave Wilson said that our current ordinance is not adequate in dealing with such situations, so he had brought it up at the planning commission just for discussion. Supervisor Psarouthakis suggested the resident approach Bill Lewis or Dave Wilson after the meeting to inquire more.

**SUPERVISORS REPORT:** Psarouthakis talked about his current work on the internet situation. He said He's had a meeting with local representative Driscoll who put him in touch with a lobbyist for AT&T who is supposed to be getting back to him. He has called Air Advantage (the internet provider for the town hall) about possibly putting another tower in the area and he continues to look at other options.

Psarouthakis reported meeting with the Washtenaw county road commission and that it appears our new contract will be less than last year as costs have gone down. He also brought up the issues with complaints at Prospect Hill Rd and trying to figure out a solution with Norvell to get that part of the road taken care of or get a bid for Sharon Township to take care of that portion of the road.

Psarouthakis also informed the residents of the Manchester Girls Basketball team current standing and wishing them luck at their game that night. He also mentioned that the Township Budget is starting to be looked at and will be more specific and look somewhat different than what we are used to in the past.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Simons mentioned that there was some activity in the Escrow accounts and that he closed out the tax season February 28<sup>th</sup> and has turned everything over to the county.

Motion by Mikel to approve the Financial Report, supported by Psarouthakis. Motion carried.

**ZONING REPORT:** Administrator Wilson reported 3 new compliances: 1. Pole Building, 2. Barn Remodel, 3. Interior remodel.

Psarouthakis added that Wilson and resident Cynthia Avery have been working very hard on the dog barking ordinance issue.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** PC Chair Lewis reported that they are currently looking into the zoning ordinances (ex: sliding scale) and he foresees there being a public hearing sometime in the near future.

**MINERAL LICENSE BOARD REPORT:** Hopkins reported there was no meeting.

**CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY REPORT:** Hopkins reported that Chelsea Area Construction Agency (CACA) passed a motion that requires the official secretary to pass on the signed approved minutes to the participating municipalities. CACA also passed a fee increase in building permits that will result in a slight revenue increase. The accountant for CACA also adjusted line items in their budget to make the state happy.

**SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:** The Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments (SWWCOG) had no meeting. The next meeting is Wed, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Village Hall.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) had no meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Status- Fire and Emergency Services Millage-** Election is May 7<sup>th</sup>. The Ballot language is currently at the county being proofed and published. It will be up for a 5 year renewal.

Clerk Mikel mentioned that she would be ordering newly updated election materials and supplies for the upcoming election in the upcoming weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Staples Account-** Discussion took place.

Motion by Simons to set up a township account at Staples for office supplies. Supported by Psarouthakis. Motion Carried.

- b. **Purchase of new shredder-** Discussion took place. Mikel will look into it.

- c. **Lawn mowing bids-** Mikel suggested publishing an ad in the paper asking for lawn mowing bids. Discussion took place among Mikel and Simons about coming up with a uniform set of questions to be answered so incoming bids are comparable.

**d. Clerk Resolution-** Mikel made a resolution to allow the clerk to pay monthly utility bills without board approval to avoid late fees and penalties with the IRS. See attached resolution.

Hopkins made the motion to accept Clerk Resolution for Paying Monthly Bills, Supported by Simons. Roll Call Vote: Hopkins: Yes. Simons: Yes. Mikel: Yes. Farmer: Yes. Psarouthakis: YES. Resolution Adopted.

**APPROVE BILLS:** Mikel presented Clerks Warrant Report with the addition of a "Unit Packaging" bill that had come in the mail that day after she printed the report. Clarification was made on what a "split check" and "liability check" were.

Motion by Simons to approve the bills, Supported by Hopkins. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Discussion took place on the effectiveness of our current accountant. Psarouthakis mentioned that the Board of Review would be meeting next week Monday and Tuesday. Dave Wilson mentioned possibly needing a 3-way conversation with Planner, Erin Perdu, for less than ½ hr, Psarouthakis mentioned that we need to be cautious of our spending, Wilson agreed to wait. Residents brought up wanting to see the locks changed in the town hall for document security purposes, Psarouthakis said he is working on it.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 p.m.**

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk