

## Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

Approved

September 5, 2013

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The Sharon Township Board held its September board meeting on Thursday, September 5, 2013. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. There were 11 public attendees.

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

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

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

Hopkins added a small MLB report following his CACA report.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE Aug 1, 2013 MINUTES:**

Minor name changes and spelling corrections were discussed.

Motion by Hopkins to approve the Aug 1, 2013 minutes as corrected, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Residents brought up concerns about the group home on M52 and the recent "lack of ability to maintain their residents." Many questions were asked, "Why weren't residents notified?" and Supervisor Psarouthakis stated that the current board was not involved in this planning, however, he would be in touch with the location and try and get someone to a future meeting to help educate residents on what is taking place there, policies they have in place for their residents, and to answer any other questions residents may have.

Public comment also took place about the new "grid system" in the center of M52 and the noise and interference this is causing for houses located on M52. Concerns about car/motorcycle noise and speed also came up. Discussion took place and Supervisor Psarouthakis referred residents to the Washtenaw County Road Commission and MDOT as the township has no control over the newly redone M52.

### **SUPERVISORS REPORT:**

Psarouthakis reported that he, Mikel, and Simons met with the accountant and are getting the books in order and will be working on financial goals for the township in future meetings. He reported attending the SWWCOG meeting and had no major news to report.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Simons reported that outside of collecting taxes we haven't had much activity.

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

**ZONING REPORT:** Administrator, Wilson reported 1 new garage; He also reported having met with Summit and Napoleon township to discuss their civil infraction ordinances. And said he has heard that Kleinschmidt's will want to expand in near future.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** PC chair Lewis reported that they are working on "ranch entrance style signs," and are looking into procedures to modify our special land use ordinance for "small changes." An ongoing, they are trying to get better understanding/clarification on the Right to Farm Act

Discussion took place over signs in the township and the concern for the ranch style signs to be large enough for emergency vehicles to get through.

**CHELSEA AREA CONSTRUCTION AGENCY REPORT:** Hopkins reported that the meeting was August 8, 2013 and that they are working on figuring out how to take care of accumulated vacation and sick pay days and how to budget for it. CACA also has expired escrow account money that they are trying to decide what action to take with, which continues to get tabled. Future projects: Chelsea Milling, Chrysler Proving Grounds, and rumored addition for the Chelsea Hospital.

**MLB:** Hopkins reported that they did not have a meeting but that both mining operations have turned in their permits and are paid in full for this fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Town hall Improvements:** Psarouthakis and Mikel have been in the beginning planning stage and currently have had a drawing made up of the existing building and are working on what changes would be beneficial.
- b. **Cemetery:** Psarouthakis stated that as mentioned in many previous meetings our cemetery records are not very up to date and we do not know if they are very accurate. That being said, we've looked into way to improve our cemeteries. PJ's Cemetery Mapping of Horton, MI came out to the township and looked over our 3 cemeteries and presented us a quote for mapping, photographing, and researching our records to help catch us up.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve funding for PJ's Cemetery Mapping quote as presented, supported by Simons.

Roll Call Vote: Hopkins: Yes, Simons: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Farmer: Yes.  
Motion carried.

- c. **MTA:** Psarouthakis reported there is a regional meeting coming up, October 1<sup>st</sup> that he and Bill Lewis would like to go to at \$99/person. Mikel mentioned that training/education money is already allocated in our budget. There were no board objections to them attending the meeting.
- d. **Escrow Accounts:** Discussion took place over the escrow accounts we have open. Sharon United Church has a balance of \$55.00.

Motion by Hopkins to refund the Sharon United Methodist Church escrow balance, supported by Farmer. Motion carried.

Washtenaw County Parks and the Grass Lake Sanctuary were also discussed. Mikel asked the planning commission to look into the County Parks and get letter stating their project is complete and that the planning commission recommends we refund their escrow account.

Grass Lake Sanctuary is working with the planning commission on their letter and a final walk through with Bill Lewis before their refund.

**APPROVE BILLS:** Mikel reported that all of the September bills have not come in yet. She presented her August report and her partial September report of those bills she had come in.

Motion by Hopkins to approve bills reports as presented, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Concerns about the gravel roads in the township came up. It was also asked about whether or not an increase in fire/emergency calls to the group home on M52 could require a special assessment in the future.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15 pm.**

*Chelsea Mikel*

*Sharon Township Clerk*