

Sharon Township BUDGET HEARING Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

June 5, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on May 1, 2014. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. There were 11 public attendees.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE May 1, 2014 MINUTES:

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the May 1, 2014 minutes, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

SUPERVISOR PSAROUTHAKIS ASKED EVERYONE TO HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND AND TRUSTEE JIM HOPKINS.

Motion by Psarouthakis to enter into the 2014/2015 Budget Hearing meeting, supported by Mikel. Motion carried.

The first order of business was to balance last year's budget.

Motion by Mikel to transfer \$2000.00 into the cemetery maintenance fund from the general government fund, which was approved at the September 5, 2013 meeting, supported by Psarouthakis.

Roll call vote: Farmer: yes, Mikel: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Simons: yes.

Motion by Mikel to transfer \$100.00 from general government fund into the assessors department, supported by Psarouthakis.

Roll call vote: Farmer: yes, Mikel: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Simons: yes.

Motion by Mikel to transfer \$5500.00 from the general fund to the buildings and repair fund for the Servpro attic bat work that was done and approved in the December 7, 2013 meeting, supported by Psarouthakis.

Roll call vote: Simons: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Mikel: yes, Farmer: yes.

Motion by Mikel to transfer \$34,000.00 from the general fund to the building and repair fund for the renovation project for the front of the building, which was approved at the May 1, 2014 meeting. \$19,135.00 will be reimbursed from the State of Michigan in the form of grant money upon completion of the project, supported by Psarouthakis.

Roll call vote: Simons: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Mikel: yes, Farmer: yes.

Second order of business was the 2014/2015 budget resolutions.

Clerk Mikel presented the following resolutions:

Salary resolution to keep the salaries of Supervisor (20,000) Clerk (17,500), Treasurer (17,500), Assessor (12,000), and Zoning Administrator (7500) the same as the 2013/2014 year.

Tax Rate resolution to approved the L-4029 tax rate of .8882 for the 2014/2015 Budget year.

Sharon Township Board Meeting Dates resolution, to maintain our monthly meetings as the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.

FOIA Coordinator resolution, to appoint Supervisor Peter Psarouthakis as our FOIA coordinator.

Attorney resolution, to appoint Ed Plato as the township attorney.

Official township publication resolution, to appoint the Heritage News-Washtenaw Now as the official publication of the township.

Township Depositories resolution, to appoint TCF Bank and First Merit at the official depositories of the township.

Manchester Parks and Recreation contract resolution, to approve \$500.00 to contract for services.

ALL RESOLUTIONS PASSED VIA ROLL CALL VOTE:

Farmer: yes, Mikel: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Simons: yes.

Mikel presented the proposed 2014/2015 budget, she mentioned that there is very little change from the previous year. A small increase in expected revenue, and increase in budget for the auditors, and increase for workman comp insurance (based on an audit they did this year), an increase in general government supplies and an increase of over \$150,000.00 to buildings and repair to cover the upcoming cost of the town hall renovation project. All board members were given a copy to review. Another discussion will take place at the June 26, 2014 meeting where the 2014/2015 Budget will be adopted.

Motion by Psarouthakis to close the budget meeting and re-enter our regular board meeting, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

ENTER REGULAR BOARD MEETING @ 7:37 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Spiegel thanked everyone for their support. Public comments complimenting the front porch and the decision to keep the salaries the same.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Psarouthakis reported continuing to work on the road conditions throughout the township. He mentioned a new Verizon cell tower coming in on Pleasant Lake Rd and that Sprint is adding 2 carriers to its M52 tower. He reported not attending the CACA meeting and that there was no SWWCOG meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported a slow month with very little activity.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the financial report, supported by Mikel. Motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator Wilson reported 2 compliances: the town hall and a storm shed for the GL Sanctuary. He's had complaints of a dog barking and a professional dirt bike track that's been put in back on Bethel Church Rd. He has completed the civil infraction ordinance and currently working on the penalty ordinance. The upcoming cell tower needs engineer approval. The Winery project is moving forward, next step is for them to come in front of the ZBA and request the planning commission to look at the ordinance. The Eisenhower/Manchester House wants to build a professional dog kennel and the Spencely farm is being looked at by 2 possible group homes.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: No meeting since last board meeting, no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Township Hall Renovations:** The front project is almost complete, Mikel asked for board approval to pay the contractor his next draw. Motion carried. The inside renovations will take place between the upcoming elections.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Trustee Vacancy:** Psarouthakis mentioned having 45 days to fill the position before it goes to a county election. He discussed how the board reached out to man individuals and former trustee Kathy Spiegel, who ran in the November 2012 election, is interested in filling the position.

Resolution given by Psarouthakis to appoint Kathy Spiegel to township trustee to fulfill the late Jim Hopkins positions term, ending November 20, 2016.

Roll call vote: Farmer: yes, Mikel: yes, Psarouthakis: yes, Simons: yes.

Clerk Mikel swore in Kathy Spiegel and she joined the rest of the board at the table.

- b. **Mineral Licensing Board Vacancy:** Discussion took place.

Motion by Mikel to appoint Psarouthakis as an interim MLB commissioner, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on whether or not 2 board members can serve on the planning commission and vacancies on the MLB board. Psarouthakis said he cannot fulfill the CACA delegate position anymore and asked Patricia Farmer if she would be interested, she said should would assume the position. Psarouthakis will look into more detail about the planning commission members.

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel presented the warrant report.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve warrant report as presented, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident complimented the board on doing a great job and asked them to reach out to the public to fill any vacant planning commission or MLB positions.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:26 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk