

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

September 3, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on September 3, 2014 **held at Sharon United Methodist Church**. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. There were 5 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ROLL CALL: Mikel, Psarouthakis, Spiegel, Simons: PRESENT Farmer: ABSENT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF THE August 7, 2014 MINUTES:

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the minutes as presented, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Psarouthakis reported that Pleasant Lake had 15 patch sections and the next step would be a chip and seal procedure. He is in the process of asking about getting federal funding to fix the road, the road commission is getting back to him. He stated that September 27th, 12th 9am, at Sylvan Township hall there is a broadband meeting. He also gave a quick summary of the fire runs for the month.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported for July no activity in escrow or bond account and that the general fund is increasing due to incoming taxes.

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

MLB REPORT: MLB Chair, Deleeuw reported that the engineers are coming out to inspect both gravel pits in the upcoming weeks. It was also reported that the MLB election officers at their previous meeting: Andrew Deleeuw as Chair and Peter Psarouthakis as Board liaison and secretary.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator Wilson reported 1 new pole barn and that the Spensley land split was finalized.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Bill Lewis reported that the planning commission is working on finalizing a zoning ordinance change. They will hopefully have an annual report to present at the October board meeting. They are waiting on special use application paperwork from Verizon and Farmers Sand & Gravel (west side) as the submitted applications are not complete. They are still in the process of finalizing who will be secretary and their "research assistant".

CACA: Patricia Farmer was ABSENT, no report given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Township Hall Renovations:** Reimbursement paperwork has been submitted to the State for the front of the building and the inside is coming along right on schedule.

REMINDER: DUE TO RENNOVATIONS the OCTOBER board meeting will be held on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2nd at 7pm at the SHARON UNITED METHODIST CURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL (on the corner of M52 and Pleasant Lake Rd)

- b. **Farmer Sand & Gravel Lawsuit:** Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that he had contacted the township insurance company and they have accepted our claim and are defending the township and have assigned us an attorney. Insurance company Attorney fees will all be paid for by the insurance

company. Township attorney, Ed Plato, is still involved. Psarouthakis and the two attorneys met at length, reviewed the lawsuit thoroughly, and discussed the course of action going forward.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Seismic Testing:** The County Road Commission issued a permit for Seismic Testing in the township. Supervisor Psarouthakis confirmed with the WCRC that the permit does not allow for the use of explosives.
- b. **Civil Infraction Ordinance Presentation:** Zoning administrator Dave Wilson and local resident Cynthia Avery presented on Civil Infractions. The idea of adopting a civil infraction ordinance was first introduced to the board back in April 2013, by former trustee Jim Hopkins. Since then, many hours of research and time have been spent on the ordinance. The PROs of civil infractions include: having no criminal record, the proceedings happen much faster, and the proceedings are far less expensive (for both the resident and township). The complete ordinance was presented and gone over word for word with the board. Psarouthakis asked what the goal/next step was in the process and Wilson said his goal was to present to the board, answer any questions, and get the board's approval to move forward and present the ordinance to the township attorney. After a detailed analysis and presentation it was decided that the board **will** review the ordinance and decide on ~~moving forward~~ **approval** at the October meeting.

APPROVE BILLS: No warrant report was given as bills had not come in yet for the month.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:37 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk