

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

October 2, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on October 2, 2014 held at Sharon United Methodist Church. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 25 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF THE September 3, 2014 MINUTES:

Motion by Spiegel to approve the minutes as amended, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Discussion took place about the road conditions and the recent approval of the ½ mill county tax. One resident asked about getting a fire alarm in our area and asked why we can't get natural gas and water- a small discussion took place.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Psarouthakis reported that the town hall renovations are moving along and are set to be done by October 31st. He reported that rural reach can now reach the SW corner of the township better. Also reported on the road commission passing the road millage.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported very little activity. Summer taxes were due by September 16th without penalty, however can still be paid through March 2nd with penalty. Simons reported that due to renovations he will be working at home until completion. He will NOT be holding office hours at the town hall but is available by cell phone for any questions: 734-604-9450.

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

MLB REPORT: MLB Chair, Deleeuw reported that they met recently to discuss the operations at the two current operating gravel pits; make sure permits, licenses, letters of credit, etc are up to date. Inspectors have come out and are in the process of approving annual licenses.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator Wilson reported 1 new modular home permit and a new complaint on barking dogs that he is currently working on.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Bill Lewis reported on the planning commission meeting to discuss the Verizon tower going up, however, due to town hall renovations it was a short meeting. He distributed the special use applications for the Verizon Cell Tower and Farmers Sand and Gravel WEST side operation; the planner is in the process of reviewing. The next step will be to hold Public Hearings, send out mailings to neighboring properties, etc.

CACA: Patricia Farmer reported that it was a short meeting, CACA has switched all of their financials over to Chelsea State Bank, and Lima has back out of buying the CACA building.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Township Hall Renovations:** Electrical hopefully going in next week, progress going well.
- b. **Farmer Sand & Gravel Lawsuit:** Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that the insurance company for the township is covering our defense. There was a preliminary injunction hearing held this morning to try and get the township to stop collecting Farmers fine; the judge ruled in favor of the Township. Ed Plato, our township attorney, has written a litigation update that will be available at the town hall and on the website to explain the lawsuit and keep residents updated.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk Mikel gave an update on applying for absentee ballots.

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel presented the September warrant report. Due to it being so early in the month no October warrant report was given.

Motion by Spiegel to approve the September warrant report, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A question was asked about reimbursement for the front porch project. A resident asked for a brief explanation about the Farmers Lawsuit and asked why Patricia Farmer had not been removed from the board. Township attorney, Ed Plato, explained that the board is elected and does not have the authority to remove board members, Patricia Farmer would have to resign. He followed by saying the electors could file a petition with the governor or would have to go through the process of a recall, Questions were asked about rumors of Farmers Sand and Gravel mining on the west side of M52, why our water has been different that last couple years and if there is anything we can do about the rumble strips on M52. Residents also commented on the road conditions on Hashley, police/sheriff reports and the group home. Brief discussions took place.

CLOSED SESSION: 8:10pm

Motion by Mikel to go into closed session to meet with Attorney Ed Plato about litigation update, supported by Simons.

Roll call vote: Farmer: No, Mikel: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Spiegel: Yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Psarouthakis called the board out of closed session.

Motion by Psarouthakis to enter the open meeting at 8:51 pm, supported by Mikel. Motion carried.

BACK TO OPEN MEETING: 8:51pm

Motion by Spiegel to proceed as recommended by the Attorney, supported by Psarouthakis.

Roll call vote: Simons: Yes, Spiegel: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Farmer: ABSENT. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:55 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk