

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

Approved

April 2, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on April 2, 2015 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 15 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Farmer noted the date on the agenda needed to be changed. Mikel added "approval of the closed meeting minutes" and Spiegel added "discussion on Pleasant Lake Rd/m52 Intersection"

Motion by Spiegel to approve the amended agenda, supported by Psarouthakis. Motion carried..

APPROVAL OF THE March 5, 2015 MINUTES:

Mikel noted she needed to change the date on the header.

Motion by Spiegel to approve the minutes, supported by Psarouthakis. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE March 5, 2015 CLOSED MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Spiegel to approve the closed meeting minutes, supported by Psarouthakis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Psarouthakis reported that the sheriff report had 26 calls, 19 were cleared and the remainder were split between the sheriffs department and state police.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported closing out the tax fund. July 1st the next bills will be going out.

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

MLB: There was no meeting. The next meeting will be in April, date TBD.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator, Wilson, reported 1 new compliance (a deck on washburn). He is still working on the barking dog issue and a land locked property issue on Sylvan.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Bill Lewis reported that the planning commission is presenting its final review of the zoning ordinance changes to the board tonight and asking for approval. He also mentioned that there is a training coming up, Planning Fundamentals, in Jackson and he is asking the board to approve Patricia Farmer and Kevin Dobis to attend.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve training, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

CACA: There was no meeting. The next meeting is April 16th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Farmer Sand & Gravel Lawsuit:** Supervisor Psarouthakis stated that there has been no resolution and that depositions are set for April 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **OMA/FOIA meeting:** The Board will be hosting an Attorney General presentation on The Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act updates on April 14, 2015 at 6pm.
- b. **OIL/GAS Discussion:** Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that he has been researching oil and gas drilling. He has visited sites, talked to other townships, talked to various groups (pro and con) and has talked to our attorney. He went on to read two letters written to the township in regards to the issue.

Pamela Brereton wrote in asking the township to create a moratorium.

The Stewards of Washtenaw County wrote in asking for an immediate moratorium.

Board discussion took place. Supervisor Psarouthakis stated that after talking to the attorney he has created a committee and suggests adopting our attorney's moratorium.

Supervisor Psarouthakis read the moratorium out loud (full version available at the town hall and on our website twp-sharon.org)

Motion by Spiegel to adopt the resolution "Moratorium on issuance of permits and approvals for oil and gas related activities," supported by Mikel. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Simons: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Farmer: Yes, Simons: Yes.

- c. **Lawn mowing bids:** Bid request will go out to the paper.
- d. **Zoning Ordinance updates:** Bill Lewis presented the board with the zoning ordinance changes/updates.

Motion by Spiegel to approve the ordinance updates with the amendment to Section 4.07 A #2 (**an increase in the gross floor area by more than 500 square feet; an increase in the gross floor area by more than 30% of the original gross floor area; or an increase in the**), supported by Mikel. Motion carried. (full version available at the town hall and on our website twp-sharon.org)

ROLL CALL VOTE: Farmer: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Spiegel: Yes.

- e. **Pleasant Lake/M52 Intersection:** Discussion took place on recent accidents and Supervisor Psarouthakis's discussion with the road commission. MDOT told Psarouthakis they are going to do a road traffic study from Peckins Rd down to the village, however he was told it must happen during the school year and they may not make it this school year. Supervisor Psarouthakis explained his displeasure with that response. Spiegel suggested a snow fence to help with white out conditions south of Bethel Church. Mikel suggested a speed sign to bring attention to the issue and let residents know we are trying to do something about that stretch of road.

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel presented last months warrant report and the payroll report for this month.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: A question was asked about whether or not the sheriff report reported any felonies- Supervisor Psarouthakis said that detail was not listed in the report.

A suggestion for rumble strips was made for Pleasant Lake Rd. A question about the oil drilling moratorium was asked. Clerk Mikel reminded those in attendance of the upcoming May 5th election.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:08 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk