Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

May 7, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on May 7, 2015 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. There were 16 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Psarouthakis had an addition to new business: Cemetery (Reno Feldkamp) Simons had an addition to new business: BS&A softare Mikel had an addition to new business: Election Update

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

APPROVAL OF THE April 2, 2015 MINUTES:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Psarouthakis reported that the sheriff report had 33 calls, 17 were cleared. He is working on some abandoned house issues and had complaints about large trucks driving down Pleasant Lake road late at night. He went to the most recent internet meeting at Sylvan Twp and everyone is continuing to work on that issue.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported updates needed to the escrow account- Clerk Mikel reported that letters have been sent out.

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

MLB: MLB Chair, Andrew Deeleuw reported that they met April 15th and are working on updating the MLB ordinance to make it easier to read and up to date. The MLB is requesting that an ordinance change be made to CHAPTER 5, SECTION 2.8b, to read "Make payment to the Township Clerk, by the end of January each Calendar Year, …. Change to take effect January 2016" rather than "…on each anniversary date of the license"

Discussion took place amongst the board.

Motion by Mikel to approve the MLB ordinance change to Chapter 5, Section 2.8b, to read "Make payment to the Township Clerk, by the end of January each Calendar Year…." Change to take effect, January 2016, supported by Simons.

Roll Call Vote: Farmer: Abstain, Mikel: Yes, Psarothakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Spiegel: Yes.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator, Wilson, reported no new compliances and 1 land split. He asked permission to send the Civil Infraction Ordinance to the township attorney for revision and to set up a meeting with him to go over final questions. Supervisor Psarouthakis approved and asked that Wilson get an estimate of cost and time.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Bill Lewis reported that next week is their annual meeting, Thursday 5/14/15 at 7pm to elect officers.

CACA: Farmer reported a special meeting where Bruce Connell announced his retirement. The job has been posted and Danny Hensen is filling in in the interim.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Farmer Sand & Gravel Lawsuit:** Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that the Farmer Sand & Gravel has been settled. He stated that the township was protected appropriately and compliance with our ordinance was upheld.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Lawn mowing bids**: Bid request were read aloud. Discussion took place.

   Motion by Mikel to approve the lawn maintenance bid submitted by Sommers, supported by Farmer. Motion carried.

b. **Budget:** Psarouthakis wanted to give everyone a heads up about Budget. The Budget Hearing will be the first meeting in June, 6/4/15 at 7pm. The Budget will be adopted at the July meeting which will be held on 6/25/15 due to the holiday weekend.

c. **Approval of sub- committee on oil/gas research:** Psarouthakis asked for approval with he as chair.

   Motion by Simons to form a sub-committee for research and development on the oil/gas ordinance with Psarouthakis as the chair, supported by Spiegel. Motion carried.

d. **Cemetary**: Reno Feldkamp gave an overview/history of the Sharon United Methodist Church acquiring the township portion of the cemetery and asked for the townships financial support for maintenance. Discussion took place. Clerk Mikel is going to talk to the accountant and we will discuss at next months meeting.

e. **BS&A Software Upgrade:** Simons reported on the need to update our Treasuers and Assessors software in order to get updates and support. The BS&A upgrade quote was presented to the board. Discussion took place.

   Motion by Spiegel to approve the BS&A Software upgrade quote, supported by Simons. Motion carried.

f. **Election Update**: Mikel reported that we had an excellent turnout and that Sharon had the 5th highest turnout out of 140 precincts in the county.

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel presented Aprils warrant report and the May payroll report.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: A request was made to get the townships felony charges listed on our sheriff report. A request was made to elaborate on the abandoned house issue: Psarouthakis responded that it is a house on Walker road that had been a meth house- he has contacted the owners.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:39 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk