

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

August 6, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on August 6, 2015 at the Sharon Town Hall. Clerk Mikel called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 9 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mikel added "presentation by Sheriff King" after approval of the minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF THE June 24, 2015 MINUTES:

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

PRESENTATION BY SHERIFF KING: Sheriff King reported on the activity in Sharon Township. She reported that in July there were 37 complaints, 10 handled by the sheriff's department and 13 by the state police. 13 were cleared with no vehicle response. She went into further detail on the 10 handled by the sheriff's department. She also said her or a member of her team will be here at future meetings to present this report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A question was asked about wireless internet and our communication towers ordinances. Discussion took place.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Clerk Mikel read Psarouthakis report due to his absence.

"Another accident occurred recently at the Pleasant Lake and M52 intersection. MDOT contacted me on Wednesday August 5, 2015 regarding intersection. Traffic study came back saying that there should be a traffic light there. MDOT will now start talking with WCRC as Pleasant Lake road part of the intersection will need to be widened. Do not place on seeing anything occurring there for at least a year. Speaking with MDOT is a HUGE bureaucracy. I had to take aspirin after the conversation.

Received the new formatted Washtenaw County Sheriff monthly report for Sharon Township Copy is attached for all to see.

I am working with township attorney to get legal information to work with our Oil/gas working group. I'm disappointed that this is taking longer than it should be. I have attempted to make contact with Laura Robinson for some help on this and have not heard back. This issue needs to move forward sooner than later. Last month, Manchester township voted to NOT have an oil/gas moratorium.

Last month WCRC had promised me that they would help a resident at the south corner of Pleasant Lake and Sharon Hollow roads with erosion that is occurring on their property. As of this week it appears they are keeping their promise and working on the issue.

The next broadband meeting for western Washtenaw county will take place at the sylvan township hall on Friday, August 14th at 11:00 am.

Bill Lewis, Dave Wilson, and I have been working on ordinance change to allow easier use of residential towers for township residents. Currently our ordinances do not allow for towers at residences for things such as internet.

We are in need of another ZBA member. I have found a person that is willing and able to be on the ZBA. I recommend that the board approve my appointment of Marty Tungate (Sharon Township resident) to the ZBA”

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons reported that tax bills are out and due September 14th without interest. The new BS&A Software is up and running.

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

ZONING REPORT: Administrator, Wilson, reported 2 new compliances (1 solar array and 1 parking lot). He is working on 1 land split and the civil infractions ordinance is moving forward with the township attorney.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Chair, Bill Lewis, reported that there was no meeting. However, they are looking into internet/communication tower ordinances and reported that Verizon has changed their access plans and the attorney general has recently passed a new ruling on signs which may force us to look at our sign ordinances.

CACA: Farmer ABSENT no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Hall maintenance:** Clerk Mikel reported that there are bats in the attic again, the township is working with a bat specialist for removal and attic clean up.
- b. **ZBA Appointment:** Supervisor Psarouthakis recommends appointing Marty Tungate to the ZBA.

Roll call vote: Mikel: Yes, Simons: Yes, Spiegel: Yes, Farmer and Psarouthakis: ABSENT

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel presented the July and August warrant reports.

Motion by Spiegel to approve the July and August warrant reports, supported by Simons. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Verizon tower question. Discussion took place.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:56 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk

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