

## Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

Approved

January 7, 2016

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on January 7, 2016 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 10 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Psarouthakis said the date needs to change from 2015 to 2016. Add D. Deputy Clerk and E. Zoning Ordinance to NEW business and add A. Website to OLD business.

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

### APPROVAL OF THE December 3, 2015 MINUTES:

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the Dec 3, 2015 minutes, supported by Mikel. Motion approved.

### APPROVAL OF THE September 3, 2015 MINUTES:

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the Sept 3, 2015 minutes, supported by Spiegel. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Complaint that the gravel roads have been cut down too much, however the gravel that got put down has helped. Residents requesting the board push for increase in funds to help the roads.

### SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that the oil/gas work group met with Chris Grobbel via phone conference and will have another meeting January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

\*\*\*CHANGE IN AGENDA\*\*\* add report by State Trooper Byerly:

Trooper Byerly introduced himself, he brought numbers he pulled for crime trends and traffic in the township. He reported 21 index crimes investigated last year- ranging from assault to drunk driving: 6 drunk driving and 2 break ins. He reported an increase in larceny/break ins throughout the state- his lieutenants want to stress that the days of leaving your cars and houses unlocked are over.

Psarouthakis also reported that the M52/Pleasant Lake intersection did not get approved for a 4-way stop by the state police so we will be working with MDOT and the County for other solutions.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Simons presented his report.

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

**ZONING REPORT:** Administrator, Wilson, reported 2 sheds, 1 new address, 1 new land split, and 3 complaints: 2 on illegal dumping on Lehman Rd and 1 on barking dogs on Below.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chair, Bill Lewis reported that they are working on getting fees together for the Natural Setback Application. He reported that at their last meeting the group Narconon made a presentation about a possible Drug/Rehab facility in the township. He reported an increase in bills with the township planner due to the sign ordinance and telephone/internet poles /towers ordinances needing to be re-worked. He also asked the board their feelings on the Peddler Permit that was brought up by Lieutenant King last meeting, and implementing a "cost for recovering illegal burn fees" and creating an ordinance to support it.

**CACA:** Farmer ABSENT. No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:** Mikel is continuing to work with the developers will hopefully be available to launch in the next 2 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Appointment of liaison to WWBB work group:** Psarouthakis discussed the need to appoint a township representative to the WWBB, he said that Barabara Fuller had volunteered and he supported this appointment. The board unanimously supported the appointment of Fuller.
- b. Adoption of a resolution supporting the “development and implementation of a robust, affordable and sustainable high speed broadband service.”** Psarouthakis discussed the need to adopt a resolution to support the implementation of high speed internet service in our township to show local bodies of government, business, etc that this is a priority and goal for the township.

**Resolution to support the development and implementation of a robust, affordable and sustainable high speed broadband service in Sharon Township was offered by Psarouthakis**

**Roll Call Vote: Farmer: ABSENT, Mikel: YES, Psarouthakis: YES, Simons: YES, Spiegel: YES.**

**Resolution adopted.**

- c. Commission/Committee appointments:** Psarouthakis discussed the need to appoint our representatives annually and the need for some member to change due to state law and keeping them on a rotation basis.

**Planning Commission: Bill Lewis, Denise Reithmiller, Kevin Dobis, Patricia Farmer, Dan Mikel**

**Zoning Board of Appeals: Marty Tungate, Keith Schuelke, Chelsea Mikel, Jim Wilson, Bill Lewis**

**Board of Review: Jim Mann, Jim Wilson, David Hoeft**

- d. Deputy Clerk/Treasurer:** Discussion took place about the need to appoint new deputies who are willing to take on more responsibility and be trained. Mikel and Simons will post ads on our social media sites.
- e. Zoning Ordinance Change:** Our current Zoning Ordinance Section 6.02A is outdate and references an old law that is no longer in place.

**Resolution to change Zoning Ordinance Section 6.02A to reference the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006 Sec 125.3601 to state “...is hereby retained in accordance with Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, and shall consist of five members- this act was repealed and replaced with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006- and in accordance with this law shall consist of three or five members” offered by Mikel**

**Roll Call Vote: Farmer: ABSENT, Mikel: YES, Psarouthakis: YES, Simons: YES, Spiegel: YES**

**Resolution adopted.**

**APPROVE BILLS:** Clerk Mikel presented December and Januarys warrant report.

Motion by Psarouthakist to accept December and Januarys warrant reports, supported by Spiegel. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Discussion took place about the Manchester Fire Department not having insurance, the recent church fire in Grass Lake, the upcoming election and questions about the Verizon cell tower update.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:06 p.m.**

*Chelsea Mikel*

*Sharon Township Clerk*

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