Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

APPROVED

February 4, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular meeting on February 4, 2016 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 11 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion by Mikel to approve the agenda, supported by Simons. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE January 7, 2016 MINUTES:

Motion by Spiegel to approve the Jan 7, 2016 minutes, supported by Simons. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Swensen from Lodi Township came on his own accord to talk about the Emergency Radio Millage on the March 8th ballot.

SUPERVISORS REPORT:

Supervisor Psarouthakis reported that there was a break in at the stock yards on Tuesday- nothing was missing. He reported that Gretchen Driskell invited him to the Michigan State of the State address. He reported that Barbara Fuller, road commissioner, will be representing us at the Western Washtenaw Broadband Coalition. He also reported that a "phased light" has been approved at the M52/Pleasant Lake intersection and they are working on funding.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Simons presented his report and reported escrow activity that he is working with Clerk Mikel with. He also reported that he wants to close out the TCF depository based on accountants advice.

Motion by Simons to close out TCF Bank as a tax depository, based on advice from Township Accountant, supported by Psarouthakis. Motion approved.

Supervisor Psarouthakis gave a brief update on the fire run bills we've received from Manchester and reported that we are not paying them until we have clarification on the bill. Clerk Mikel and Psarouthakis are working on this.

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

MLB REPORT: no meeting. No report.

ZONING REPORT: Administrator, Wilson, reported 1 solar array, 1 new address, 3 complaints: illegal dumping, illegal tower, and barking dogs (ongoing complaint). He reported that the civil infraction ordinances should be ready for the next meeting. The attorney has the "dog barking" ordinance and they are waiting to hear back. He also reported that T-Mobile is putting up a new generator on M52- this is existing and the county has signed off on the Verizon driveway.

PLANNING COMISSION REPORT: Chair, Bill Lewis reported that they asked the Planner to look into poles for internet access and update on sign ordinance based on a Supreme Court decision. They also are working on updating the Master Plan to include protecting water and the need for high speed internet. They are considering a public survey. They also discussed the Natural Set-Back application and fee.

CACA: Farmer reported that the next meeting is on February 25th.

OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Natural Features Set-Back Application and Fees:** Planning commission Chair Bill Lewis reported that he and Zoning Administrator Dave Wilson got together and based on surrounding townships fee schedules and our schedule they are recommending an Application fee of $500 and an Escrow fee of $2500.

   Motion by Mikel to approve the Natural Features Set-Back Application, supported by Spiegel. Motion approved.

   Motion by Mikel tto approved the Natural Features Set-Back Application fee of $500 with an Escrow deposit fee of $2500, supported by Spiegel. Motion approved.

b. **Township Website:** Clerk Mikel gave a presentation of the New Website: Sharontownship.org

c. **Update on Deputy Positons:** Discussion took place about the individuals who've submitted resumes for the deputy clerk position and the interest in the deputy treasurer position.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. **Oil/Gas working group change to committee:** Psarouthakis reportd that the group met last month with an oil/gas expert and he feels they are heading in the direction of starting to want to make suggestions and decisions to present to the board- so he would like to change the "work group" to a "committee" to support the Open Meetings Act.

   Motion by Psarouthakis to change the Oil/Gas working group to a Oil/Gas committee, supported by Mikel. Motion passed.

APPROVE BILLS: Clerk Mikel reported that it is too early in the month to have bills in to pay. She presented Payroll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A question was asked about Oil/Gas and discussion took place about the workgroups last meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:12 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk

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