

**SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 3, 2011 (unapproved)**

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2011. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, Psarouthakis and Spiegel. There were (14) fourteen public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Psarouthakis to approve the 10/6/11 minutes.
Motion carried.

John Savage stated that he wanted to commend Brian on a good financial report.

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

Simons distributed the Treasurer's report for September. He explained the balance sheet and reported that the Township still needed to collect about \$73,000.00 in unpaid taxes. He stated that he was going to only have Citizens Bank and TCF Bank be depositories for taxes. He reported that keeping track of 5 banks was too many banks and leaves room for err. Motion made by Psarouthakis, supported by Spiegel to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for October: issued four zoning permits, there were two burning complaints, no land splits, no new signs and no new addresses. Wilson reported about Wacker's burning complaint and stated it was due to all the garbage that is put into the recycling bins. Other options are being considered.

Aiuto gave Wilson the letter from Durussel Farms stating that they would not be paying the trailer fee this year because the trailers were not being used. Wilson will go talk to them and report back to the Board next month.

Bill Lewis reported that he met with Midwestern Consulting regarding the parking lots for both Grass Lake and Hashley Roads and that all the contingencies the Board had placed on the approval had been met. He reported that Washtenaw County had already started to work on them. Simons stated that he would like a copy of the approval from Midwestern Consulting. Lewis reported that no information had been received yet from the Grass Lake Sanctuary for their special use permit.

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Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in October.

Jim Hopkins, chair of the Mineral Licensing Board reported that the MLB had no meeting but that they were still waiting on a special use permit application for a new operation on M-52. Hopkins reported on the pros and cons of the MLB (see attachment). He reported that the Planning Commission recommends maintaining the MLB.

Spiegel reported that because Sharon Township did not contact CACA in writing with the name of an alternate in case of her absence, the alternate we had sent to their last meeting was not able to vote on the retroactive pay raises that dated back one year. The vote passed due to our alternate not being able to vote. It would have tied up the vote and delayed the issue to the next meeting. CACA has a balloon payment on the mortgage due in 2014 of approximately \$600,000.00 and stills owes the contractor approximately \$160,000.00.

Spiegel reported that the Washtenaw County Road Commission was at the SWWCOG meeting and reported that there will not be a lot done due to lack of money.

Old Business

Frey to submit the Hazmat ordinance changes to Lucas for a new draft for the next Meeting.

Aiuto read Kathleen Lewis' resignation letter from being the Township webmaster. Psarouthakis to take over the website and Spiegel will help. They will get three proposals from companies to creat a site, host and maintain it.

Discussed computer backup services. Spiegel reported that Carbonate charges \$229.00/year and that they had to bill a credit card. Other companies were also discussed. Motion by Psarouthakis, supported by Simons to go forward and sign up with Carbonate. Motion carried. Spiegel to sign up the Township and place it on her credit card for reimbursement.

Frey reported that the Waldo Bridge was opened and being used.

The Board discussed the past due drain assessments invoices that was received from the Washtenaw County Drain Commission. The invoices were tabled until further investigation. Psarouthakis and Simons to find out more information.

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The Board discussed the front porch steps. Psarouthakis to call concrete contractors for proposals for a temporary fix to get through the winter due to it being a safety issue.

New Business

The CACA alternate appointment was discussed. Motion by Frey, supported by Simons to appoint Jim Hopkins for the primary alternate and Psarouthakis for the secondary alternate. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that the special general election would be held on November 8, 2011. Motion made by Aiuto, supported by Psarouthakis that dinner be provided to the election workers. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that she had received a call from Mary Hudson regarding broken cemetery stones in the Gillette Cemetery. She will see where the stones are located and if they were broken due to age or by destruction.

Jim Hopkins reported that he had complaints about Fifty-two Minerals' massive dust control problem. After speaking with them, they took care of the problem with chloride.

Mrs. Suhre stated that now she has reviewed the library fees and her taxable value, she agrees that it should be a user fee.

Mr. Thompson inquired about gates for the Washtenaw County Parking lots. Frey replied " only if they become a nuisance, will a gate be required."

After review of the bills, motion by Spiegel supported by Simons to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk

