

SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
August 4, 2011 (unapproved)

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, August 4, 2011. Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Frey, and Spiegel. Absent: Lavender and Yordanich. There were (28) twenty-eight public attendees present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Spiegel, supported by Frey to approve the 7/7/11 minutes. Motion carried.

Due to Yordanich's absence, there was no fire run report. Frey to meet with Yordanich regarding the tasks and duties involved.

Due to Yordanich's absence, there was no Treasurer's report.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for June: issued two zoning permits, there were three complaints, no land splits, and no new addresses. Wilson reported that Wolf had removed the trailer; that Kaminski was down to two vehicles and that he was going to call both parties regarding the dirt bike complaints and meet with them next week.

Bill Lewis reported that the Planning Commission met with the Washtenaw County Parks and that they made a presentation for two parking lots, one on Grass Lake Road and the other on Hashley Road. He reported that the public hearing would be held on August 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in July.

Jim Hopkins, chair of the Mineral Licensing Board reported that the MLB held a work session on July 28, 2011 and that they were working with Osborne Industries on a reclamation plan and the costs.

Spiegel reported that CACA's deposits were up due to the expansion of Chelsea Hospital. She stated that 2 employees that asked to return full time, will be full time until December. At that time, the full time status will be evaluated to determine if it is necessary. A motion was tabled regarding bringing their benefits back.

Spiegel reported that there was no SWWCOG meeting in July.

Old Business

Frey reported that the wireless printer was not working. Spiegel to look at it and to call Computer Source if she is not able to fix it.

Spiegel reported that the new computers have automatic backup but suggests that the Township needs online backup in case of a fire.

The Board discussed adopting a Hazmat ordinance. This will be discussed and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Frey reported that the recall election was successful and that Kim Yordanich and Tom Lavender would no longer hold their positions once the Washtenaw Board of Canvassers certify the election on Friday, August 5, 2011.

New Business

The Board discussed filling the interim Treasurer's and interim Trustee's positions until the November 2011 election. Motion by Spiegel, supported by Aiuto to appoint Brian Simons as interim Treasurer effective August 6, 2011. Motion carried. Motion made by Spiegel, supported by Aiuto to appoint Bill Lewis as interim Trustee effective August 12, 2011. Motion carried.

Aiuto reported that anyone that was interested in the positions should contact the Washtenaw County Republican or Democratic chairs to get their names on the November ballot.

Albert F. Harris IV's P.A. 116 application was discussed. Motion by Frey, supported by Spiegel to approve the application. Motion carried.

Frey asked if there were any public comments and/or questions. There were many.

Greg Zielinski inquired about where the new copier was and if one was purchased. Yes, one was purchased last year and it is in the office.

Jim Mann voiced his discontentment with no public participation before appointing the interim Treasurer and interim Trustee.

Dennis Dieckman inquired about who paid for John Frey's postcard. Frey stated "he did".

Marge Lozier reported that ewashtenaw.org has all the information about the County.

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Greg Zielinski questioned about the number of positions on the Board. Spiegel replied that what Sharon Township has is in accordance to MTA regulations.

Joan Cottrell asked about the status of the Gourley property? If it was for sale. Frey stated "no" and that a farmer was leasing the land.

Dennis Dieckman asked "who it was and how was he able to get the lease?" Aiuto replied that it was Walt Horodeczny and it was arranged by the previous supervisor. Frey stated that the lease is up at the end of the year for anyone that is interested, contact the Board.

Kevin Dobis introduced himself and stated that he just purchased a home on Queens Drive and was a trustee for seven years and on the Planning Commission for eleven years in Putnum Township near Pinckney and that he would be happy to serve the Township in the future.

Patricia Farmer stated that she didn't think it was right that individuals were on more than one Board or some of the Board spouses served on other boards or had positions. Both Spiegel and Aiuto reported that the Boards required liaisons from other Boards.

Debra Zielinski inquired about when the Waldo bridge work was approved.

John Savage inquired about when the Board would hold an audit due to the change in the Treasurer's position. Also he stated that Sharon Township should have never billed people for fire runs that the Township should have just paid for them out of their general fund.

A resolution was made by Aiuto, supported by Frey to contact Campbell, Kusterer and Co. to set up an audit for 7/1/10 – 8/5/11. Roll Call Vote: Spiegel: yes; Frey: yes; and Aiuto: yes. Absent: Lavender and Yordanich. The resolution was adopted.

Frey stated that in the future that he would be more kind and sorry if he had offended anyone.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk