

## **SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

### **January 7, 2010**

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Chizmar, Jones, and Lavender. Yordanich was absent. There were (7) guests present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jones asked if there were any public comments and/or questions. John Savage inquired about Sharon Township being involved in the Joint Planning Commission. Jones replied that it would be discussed later on in the meeting.

Motion by Lavender, supported by Chizmar to approve the 11/12/09 closed minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Chizmar, supported by Jones to approve the 12/03/09 minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report for November 2009 was tabled due to her absence.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for December: issued one zoning permit, there were no new complaints, one land split, and one new address. Aiuto reported that she had called Fred Lucas to inquire about the Telecommunications ordinance and the Sprint bond. Lucas stated that he would take care of the matter.

Bill Lewis reported that he attended the SWWCOG meeting in November and they covered the following: (1) that the four townships and Village could pool together to lower costs on: assessing, common newsletter, website, preferred trash hauler and billing services for fire and rescue. (2) Karl Racenis gave a presentation about the downtown improvements. (3) Manchester Joint Planning Commission added a ninth member. The Board will review these items at the next meeting.

Bill Lewis also reported that the Planning Commission was working on amending the escrow fees and cell tower wording in the zoning ordinance and they would be having a public hearing at their February meeting. He also stated that the revised master plan would be ready for review in two months. Jones asked Lewis to get a quote on how much it would cost Erin Perdu to review the plan.

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Lewis also reported that Richard Cole had put many hours into typing up the revised master plan and asked if he could be compensated as an expression of appreciation. Motion made by Lavender, supported by Chizmar to pay Richard Cole \$100.00 for all his work and to present him with a framed certificate. Motion carried.

Jones reported that he would be chairing the 2010 census for the Township; that the minutes would be online starting this month; and that he notified Fed Ex, UPS, the Manchester Post office and the Washtenaw County Road Commission of the new upcoming neighborhood watch program.

Jones reported that he had no new Mineral Licensing Board updates.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no meeting in December.

Chizmar reported that he attended a Chelsea Area Construction Authority meeting in December. He reported that they had elected new officers; that Lima Township would be leasing space from them; that money was still very tight; and that they had a new proposal for the Townships. A resolution was made by Chizmar, supported by Jones that Sharon Township loan the Chelsea Area Construction Authority \$700.00 per month for the next two years, 2010 and 2011, if needed with a payback by the year 2021 provided that all other municipalities in C.A.C.A. contribute the same amount. Roll Call  
Vote: Chizmar: yes; Jones: no; Aiuto: no; Lavender: no. Absent: Yordanich. **The resolution was not adopted.**

A resolution was made by Jones, supported by Lavender to adopt the support for the 2010 census. Roll Call Vote: Lavender: yes; Aiuto: yes; Jones: yes; and Chizmar: yes. Absent: Yordanich. The resolution was adopted.

Jones reported that he was working with Pat McGraw, a bond counseling attorney. Jones reported that we have a bank that is interested. We are looking at a 15 year, one millage bond. Jones stated that is all he could report on at the moment.

Reno Feldkamp inquired about "is there any type of appeal process?" Jones replied that our attorney says that we have no grounds for an appeal.

Feldkamp stated that he was very dissatisfied and unhappy with that answer and the whole mess.

John Savage stated that Gary Blades was not up front with the Township Board. He said that he hopes that in the future, that the Township residents are informed about matters through a newsletter, website and/or newspaper.

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Savage also stated that the purpose and subject matter need to be stated in the closed meeting synopsis.

Feldkamp stated that he strongly recommends to get a new Township attorney and go to the Appeals court. Jones to contact the MTA (Michigan Township Association).

Peter Psarouthakis asked if the Township had complete liability. Jones replied "yes". Psarouthakis asked what the time line and effective date would be. Jones answered that the millage would probably appear on the summer 2010 tax bill.

Jones reported that he would be receiving an e-mail from attorney Fred Lucas by Monday for the Manchester Enterprise article.

The Board reviewed the resolution passed by Southwest Washtenaw Council of Governments condemning Washtenaw County's misappropriation of local Townships' statutory authority over dog licenses and any future attempt by the County, State, or Federal government to usurp local Townships' authority. A resolution was made by Lavender, supported by Chizmar for Sharon Township to support this resolution. Roll Call Vote: Chizmar: yes; Jones: yes; Aiuto: yes; and Lavender: yes. Absent: Yordanich. The resolution was adopted.

After review of the bills, motion by Chizmar, supported by Lavender to approve all bills as presented and table the River Raisin Watershed invoice until the next meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

**Teri L. Aiuto, Sharon Township Clerk**