

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

(unapproved)

November 2, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular November meeting on November 2, 2017 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. There were 15-20 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call: Mikel, Psarouthakis, Simons, Cooper, Guysky: PRESENT

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Mikel mentioned changing date from Nov 3rd to 2nd. Psarouthakis moved Consumers up on the agenda following approval of minutes and added hall rental to new business.

Motion by Cooper to approve the amended November 2, 2017 agenda, supported by Simons. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Simons to approve the October 5, 2017 minutes, supported by Cooper. Guysky abstained due to absence from October meeting. Motion approved.

CONSUMERS ENERGY FRANCHISE AGREEMENT: Greg Meyer (community affairs from Consumers). Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement read and explained by Supervisor Psarouthakis, offered by Psarouthakis, supported by Mikel.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Guysky: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Cooper: Yes RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Greg Meyer presented Sharon Township Board with acceptance letter. Full ordinance will be published in local paper within 15 days.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Mann- representative for river raisin watershed, update- working on more canoe/kayak drop off locations, issue with lake Erie algae boom due to zebra mussels. They are splitting into sub committees for differing issues.

Dara Psarouthakis- expressed support of Medical Marijuana Ordinance

Jonah- registered caregiver, believes Medical Marijuana Ordinance will be a source of income for the township and help Veterans

Dan Madigan- currently helping Veterans and thanks the board for considering an ordinance

Eric Cooper- thanks the board for their hard work and think its an income potential for township

FINANCIAL REPORT: Winter taxes go out December 1st and due without penalty by February 14th.

Motion by Mikel to approve the financial report, supported by Guysky. Motion approved.

ZONING REPORT: Zoning Administrator Wilson reported 3 pole barns, 1 new address and no new land splits. New complaints: MDARD refileing rooster complaint.

PLANNING COMISSION REPORT: No meeting last month. Next meeting TBD. Working on master plan and township wide survey

CACA: Next meeting January 11, 2017 at 3pm.

ZBA REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **High speed internet project:** Psarouthakis reported talking with Bond attorneys, working with Lyndon township and ballot wording.
- b. **MMA Ordinance Discussion:** Psarouthakis reported that Lansing has the same report as given at last month's meeting. The State of Michigan is on track to start taking applications in mid-December. The Township attorney has sent a draft ordinance, which has been sent out to the board under attorney client privilege, for review.

Psarouthakis gave quick process overview, last year the Board formed a MMA committee to investigate and educate the board about the current and upcoming laws, and this committee ended in May of this year after receiving feedback from community members. Information from this committee was given to Township attorney and incorporated into draft ordinance.

Psarouthakis gave quick over of ordinance. Simons wanted to change "authorized facilities" distance from 1000ft to ½ mile, wanted to add Michigan State Police for inspections, and add "Sec 9: (\$25,000 or actual costs or whichever is greater).

Mikel discussed wanting to put the amended draft ordinance out for public review for a minimum of one week prior to the Board taking a vote so she could hear resident feedback and stated if a vote is called tonight she would abstain.

Motion by Guysky to vote to approve the amended ordinance to "Authorize and Regulate State-Licensed Medical Marijuana Facilities..." supported by Cooper.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Guysky: Yes, Mikel: ABSTAIN, Psarouthakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Cooper: Yes. ORDINANCE ADOPTED. Ordinance will be published in local newspaper and become effective 30 days after publication date. Complete ordinance will be available for review on sharontownship.org

- c. **Position open on ZBA:** Psarouthakis mentioned having an open position on ZBA
- d. **Upcoming elections:** Nov 7, 2017 fire and emergency services renewal and May 2018 Internet Project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resolution on Proposal 1:** discussion took place on upcoming Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage. Concerns for Sharon Township were discussed.

By resolution the Sharon Township Board of Trustees opposes the "Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage" also known as Proposal 1 on the November 7, 2017 ballot. The Board believes this proposal will take funds from Sharon Township tax payers and distribute them to other municipalities for services that Sharon Township tax payers will not directly benefit from.

Motion by Cooper to adopt "A resolution to oppose proposal 1" supported by Guysky

ROLL CALL VOTE: Guysky: Yes, Mikel: Yes, Psarouthakis: Yes, Simons: Yes, Cooper: Yes

- b. **Consumers power resolution:** (moved to top after approval of minutes)
- c. **Snow Removal Bids:** ask for a couple year contract and bring to next meeting, approve snow removal on a case by case basis if snows before December board meeting.
- d. **Hall Rental:** Political interest groups have shown interest in renting the hall, discussion on does the board want to allow political interest groups to rent the hall

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve hall rental by political interest groups, supported by Cooper. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Mikel presented the October warrant report and November payroll.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the October 2017 warrant report and November payroll, supported by Cooper. Motion approved.

Next meeting December 7, 2017 at 7pm

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:10 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk