

Sharon Township Board Meeting Minutes

Approved

January 4, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The Sharon Township Board held its regular January meeting on January 4, 2018 at the Sharon Town Hall. Supervisor Psarouthakis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm. There were 14 public attendees. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Psarouthakis added "supervisors report" after public comment, and added a "public comment" section under New Business

Motion by Mikel to approve the amended January 4, 2018 agenda, supported by Cooper. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Simons to approve the December 7, 2017 minutes, supported by Cooper.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Sheriff report: 33 calls in November, 20 responded by State, 3 by Sheriff, 10 cleared. 11 crashes

Brief report on the Informational meeting held on the Medical Marijuana Ordinance, good turnout.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Winter taxes go out December 1st and due without penalty by February 14th the last day to pay at the Town Hall and at TCF in Chelsea is February 14th, after that it goes to the County.

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

ZONING REPORT: Zoning Administrator Wilson reported 1 new land split and no new complaints.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Spiegel absent Cooper reported working on the Master Plan and survey to hopefully send out in Mid Jan.

CACA: Next meeting January 11, 2018 at 3pm.

ZBA REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **High speed internet project:** two projections have come back from the bond attorneys: a 1% growth rate millage and a 0% growth rate. A small discussion took place.

Psarouthakis read an e-mail from John Smucker about Mr. Smuckers thoughts on different approaches to internet via air advantage, cellular, or satellite. A discussion took place, Mikel mentioned that these solutions did not cover 100% of residents and that therefore there would still be a large percentage of residents left without internet. Concerns of waiting for 5G and better satellite were discussed as well.

Due to Guysky being absent and the board needing more time to evaluate the numbers and ask questions a SPECIAL MEETING was scheduled for THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 @ 7pm at the Town Hall to approve ballot language for the May 2018 election.

NEW BUSINESS: N/A

PUBLIC COMMENT: A concern was brought up about "net neutrality" and how they felt it is extremely important for Sharon Township to take control of "our" internet and prices. Comments were made against waiting for Cellular or Satellite options. Concerns were brought up about taxing farmland and vacant properties for the project. Barb Fuller from BroadbandYES informed residents she has a FAQ sheet available. Others stood up in favor of the broadband project and thanked the Board for putting it on a ballot.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: Mikel presented the November 2017 warrant report, December 2017 warrant report and the January 2018 Payroll.

Motion by Psarouthakis to approve the November and December 2017 warrant reports and January 2018 payroll, supported by Simons. Motion approved.

SPECIAL MEETING (to approve Broadband Project ballot language) JANUARY 25, 2018 at 7pm

Next Regular Board Meeting February 1, 2018 at 7pm

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:05 p.m.

Chelsea Mikel

Sharon Township Clerk