

**SHARON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**September 2, 2010 (unapproved)**

The Sharon Township Board held its regular Board meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2010. Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Aiuto, Chizmar, Jones, Lavender and Yordanich. There were (17) seventeen guests present.

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jones asked if there were any public comments and/or questions. John Bishop inquired about the bond issue and a copy of the petition. John Smucker stated that there needed to be better communication between the Board and Township on the website and that meeting agendas and financials should be on the website. John Savage inquired about when M-52 would be re-opened.

Motion by Lavender, supported by Chizmar to approve the 8/5/10 minutes. Motion carried.

Steven Mann from Miller Canfield gave a presentation on the bond process. He stated since the bonds were under a one million dollar value that they would not need to be rated which would save the Township between six and eight thousand dollars and that a prospectus was not needed. He stated that the interest rate would be 6% or hopefully lower for a fifteen year term ending in 2025. Also, the interest would be paid semi-annually and that the bonds would be protected for 10 years.

A resolution was made by Aiuto, supported by Lavender to authorize the 2010 unlimited tax general obligation judgment bonds. Roll Call Vote: Lavender: yes; Aiuto: yes; Jones: yes; Yordanich: yes and Chizmar: yes. The resolution was adopted.

The clerk distributed a letter from Jannetta Faust requesting that we pay her attorney fee to solve a fire run invoice discrepancy with the Township and TekCollect. Yordanich stated that five letters were sent, she had called three times and had the account put on hold twice with TekCollect. After reviewing over the letter with the attached documentation and discussing the matter, a motion was made by Lavender, supported by Chizmar to reimburse Jannetta Faust her attorney fee of \$354.80. Yeas: Lavender, Aiuto, Jones and Yordanich. Nays: Chizmar. Motion carried.

Lavender reported that the fire runs are a real problem and when the Township had TekCollect, they messed up so many things and that there was much confusion.

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Yordanich reported that there were four fire runs in July and one in August. Aiuto inquired if Yordanich was sending out the attorney letter after 30 days. She stated that she didn't know if she should or not since there were some disputing the fees. The Board stated that the process was voted on and that she must follow that process.

The Board discussed Steve Orth's letter disputing his fire run. Yordanich and Chizmar to check with HVA and the Manchester Township Fire Department regarding their process for back up aid. It was tabled until the next meeting.

The Treasurer's report for June 2010 and July were reviewed. Yordanich reported that as of 6/30/10, there was \$262,313.52 in the general fund and as of 7/31/10, there was \$264,313.10 in the general fund. Motion made by Chizmar, supported by Lavender to approve the Treasurer's reports. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator, Dave Wilson reported the following activity for July: issued three zoning permits, there were no new complaints, no land splits, and one new address.

Bill Lewis reported that the Planning Commission had an approved Master Plan and that he had distributed on Monday, August 30, 2010 to the surrounding municipalities, schools and utility companies. He reported that they had 63 days to make comments. He reported that the draft plan would also be on the website but the maps would follow sometime next week.

Lewis reported that he had attended a wind energy conference and that he would like the Board to review over wording to the fee schedule.

Jones reported that the MLB had no July meeting but he would be meeting with Midwestern Consulting next week to review over the reclamation plan for Farmer Bros.

Aiuto reported that the ZBA had no July meeting.

Chizmar reported that CACA deposits were way up due to Chelsea Milling's permits.

Jones reminded the public about Roberts Rule of Orders book.

Jones reported that most Townships in the State of Michigan are passing a one year medical marijuana moratorium. John Savage suggested that the Township contact our attorney and MTA. Jones stated that MTA no longer has a legal department. No actions were made.

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Aiuto reported that the bi-annual Township audit was scheduled for October 8, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. but the PFM Group asked if it could be sooner due to the bond process. Aiuto to contact Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C. to see if it was possible. After review of the bills, motion by Lavender, supported by Chizmar to approve all bills as presented. Motion carried.

Jones made the announcement that he would be leaving the Township for health reasons so his Supervisor's position would be available.

Chelsea Mikel stated that she had an informal petition to remove the Township attorney and thought it would be a fresh start to have both a new Supervisor and a new attorney work together.

Lavender stated that he would like to see the applicants send in a resume, their vision for the future of this Township and who their deputy supervisor would be. Also, that he would like it advertised in the Chelsea, Manchester, Grass Lake, on the Township website, Peter Psarouthakis' website and at the Community Resource Center. Motion made by Lavender, supported by Chizmar for Jones and Aiuto to put the ad, duties and responsibilities together in one week. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

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

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