

TOWN OF SHARON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday – July 14, 2020

Chairman Jeff Check called the regular monthly board meeting to order at 6:30PM

Roll call was taken. Present were Board Members Jeff Check, Curtis Gagas, Bill Gibbs and Clerk, Lori Printz along with twenty-two residents and one guest. Notice of the meeting was posted in three places within the Town of Sharon (Town Hall window, kiosk between Sylvia's and Polonia Café, kiosk in front of Northstar Machine, on Facebook and town website).

Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs to approve the agenda as presented, 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried, agenda approved.

Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, 2nd by Supervisor Gagas to approve the minutes of June 9, 2020 board minutes. 3 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried. Minutes approved.

Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, 2nd by Supervisor Gagas to approve the bill listing June 10, 2020 through July 14, 2020. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried, bill listing approved.

Clerk Printz provided detail/explanation regarding the resolution to amend the 2020 budget. Increase in revenue based on unanticipated additional income for Forest Land Tax, FEMA grant money from July 2019 storm & State Aid subgrant for elections due to COVID, deposit of truck sale end of 2019 & fund balance left from 2019 audit for road contract work not completed. One comment from town resident regarding why additional money in Road Repair (regular) – Chair replied due to several replacements of culverts. (FYI - 7 culverts replaced in 2016, 4 replaced in 2018, 22 replaced in 2019. Due to years of not replacing has caught up with the township). Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, 2nd by Supervisor Gagas to approve the Resolution #07/14/2020 to amend the 2020 Budget to increase Revenue a total of \$64,800 and to increase Expense a total of \$109,595 (combination of \$64,800 plus \$44,795 from Fund Balance (Roads)). 3 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Plan Commission Chair Gibbs reported a request from Allan Sankey & Rebecca Thorson requesting a zoning change for parcel # 032-24-0906-02.02 which is currently zoned A4 to C3. Since neither property owner was present – this item went to table the agenda item due to lack of representation.

Plan Commission Chair Gibbs reported a request from Janice Miller, property owner & agent, Lee Larson (Business Development Rep for Bug Tussel Wireless) requesting to construct a 250' self-supporting tower on her property, parcel # 032-24-0915-02. The affected area would be 100' x 100'. The property is zoned A1. Lee Larson explained the tower would include cellular service with AT&T being the provider & there will be wireless internet capability. He also elaborated that AT&T was contracted by the U.S. federal government to build the nationwide network known as FirstNet. The tower will be in excess of 200' tall & it will have flashing beacons to be identified by air traffic. The tower range for data is approximately five miles. A lengthy (at times aggressive) discussion followed from neighboring property owners concerned about depreciated land value, concerns about cancer causing radio waves, affecting the aesthetics of the neighborhood, bird migration & wildlife in the area. Neighbors felt slighted that they were not involved or notified of the cell tower intention to build prior to the signed contract. The contract is a 40 year lease. Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs to approve the request by Janice Miller, to construct a 250' self-supporting tower on parcel # 032-24-0915-02, with agent, Lee Larson (Bug Tussel Wireless) with the following exceptions: strobe lights to be installed on all three legs approximately half way up the tower for day time only (crop-dusting purposes), adjust the tower distance fall radius so that it is contained in a single parcel & will forward a notice to the Portage County Board of Adjustment. (possible meeting August 5, 2020) 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, 2nd by Supervisor Gagas to approve a Temporary Class B license for Blackhawk Archers – Hunter's Tune-up event on August 15, 2020. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs to approve a Temporary Class B license for Blackhawk Archers – HHA Shoot event on August 22-23, 2020. (FYI – all proceeds will go to the Honor Flight). 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs to accept the revoked Combination form Class B license letter from Rebecca Sankey of Kamp's Korner Bar & Grill effective July 14, 2020. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, 2nd by Supervisor Gagas to approve the Combination form Class B license for Jacob Shearier & Brandon Hintz of The Watering Hole effective July 14, 2020. (Applications completed, required seller's permit # & FEIN # provided, published notice, backgrounds checked & acceptable with payment received) 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs to approve five operator licenses (3 operators with current licenses in the county, 2 operator's new with certificate of completed course & backgrounds checked & acceptable). (Beth Jennings, Jodi Biadasz, Larea Minta, Elisabeth Zielinski & Sawyer Hintz) 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Chair Check & Fr. Guanella had a meeting on July 8th regarding the baseball diamond parcel. Discussion followed regarding the town accepting parcel # 032-85-0202 from Sacred Heart Church. Fr. Guanella indicated the baseball diamond parcel is not in the church's mission, expense with grass cutting, only used once a year give or take & cannot use as a recreational site per statute. The parcel would be more beneficial to the town as a park, for example, versus church use only. Town residents in favor of acceptance of parcel. Chair will table with Sacred Heart Parish for final details regarding transition.

Chair Check summary report:

- confirmed Board of Review on Tuesday, June 16th completed 2 hours with no activity.
- the town received \$6004 from FEMA regarding our submission on the July 2019 storm & received \$1791.70 from State of WI CARES act subgrant funding for the August & November elections.
- Chip sealing of town roads completed & at the end of July or first part of August we anticipate finishing Northstar Dr & Ellis Rd contracts.
- no further info regarding the Rosholt Fire District FEMA grant yet for new truck
- new locked drop box purchased & will be installed permanently at entryway
- reminder of Partisan Primary Election on Tuesday, August 11, 2020

County Supervisor Jeanne Dodge mentioned the recent meeting at the Annex building concerning mandating face masks in Portage County was not well supported. Next meeting August 5th at 7:30 PM.

NOTE CHANGE: NEXT TOWN BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Motion by Supervisor Gagas, 2nd by Supervisor Gibbs, to adjourn at 8:23 PM. 3 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Submitted by Lori Printz - Clerk/Treasurer