

AUGUST 2021 MINUTES

Note: These are the proposed Minutes that will be approved at the next meeting.

Town of Sharon Board Meeting **Tuesday, August 10, 2021- 6:30 p.m.** **Town Hall**

Call to Order: Chairman Check called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman Check, Supervisor Gibbs, Supervisor Gagas and Clerk/Treasurer Filtz, along with seven other attendants and County Board Supervisor Jeanne Dodge.

Notice of Meeting Postings: Notice of the meeting was posted in three places in the Town of Sharon (town hall window, kiosk between Sylvia's and Polonia Café, kiosk in front of North Star Machine) and also on the town website and Facebook.

Amendment/Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Gibbs noted that Agenda line item #10 said Tim Fisher and the correct name is Tom Fisher. Motion made by Supervisor Gibbs, seconded by Supervisor Gagas to amend and approve the Agenda with the correction. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Supervisor Gagas, seconded by Supervisor Gibbs to approve the Minutes. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Approval of Bill Listing July 14 to August 10, 2021: Motion made by Supervisor Gibbs, seconded by Supervisor Gagas to approve the Bill Listing. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Cigarette License: Motion made by Supervisor Gibbs, seconded by Supervisor Gagas to approve the Cigarette License for The Watering Hole. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Operator License: Motion made by Supervisor Gagas, seconded by Supervisor Gibbs to approve the Operator Licenses for Jodi Biadasz (renewal) and Garrett Burton (new). Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Driveway Variance – Fisher (2846 Deer Rd): Chairman Check said the property owner asked for a variance and it meets the 200' separation, but with the crest of the hill and coming out of that driveway, it will not work; it is a safety issue the original 200' is not safe for anyone. Tom said it's good where they want it which is lower down the hill and the owner is content with it. Motion made by Supervisor Gibbs, seconded by Supervisor Gagas to approve the driveway variance to be less than the recommended 200' for driveways. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Uddin Property (6796 State Highway 66; parcel #032-24-0907-04.03): Chairman Check explained this issue started in September, 2020 when the town sent a letter out to Uddin to clean up or remove the buildings on this property. In a letter dated October 15, 2020, the town gave an extension for the clean-up due to the covid pandemic. An extension was granted to April, 2021. Furthermore, the Board then gave another extension to August 1, 2021 and if there was no progress to clean up the property by August 1, 2021, the matter would be turned over to Portage County to pursue.

Uddin claimed the first letter sent to her was to clean up the property and address animals. She further explained that she is from California and because of the covid pandemic, she could not come to Wisconsin. She said she is here now, and has been at the property every day. She stated that there are no wild animals in the buildings and admitted the buildings are not in the best shape. Uddin further explained that she has the property listed with a realtor and that she took action when she was notified by the town and insisted that she is making progress. It is her plan to fix up the property and she plans on fixing the house and the windows.

Supervisor Gibbs asked Uddin how soon before the property will be fixed up. Uddin said she has relatives who will help fix the windows and frames around the windows. She also said she will have a lock on the barn. Supervisor Gagas questioned if the property is for sale, why fix it up? Uddin said she is trying to fix up the property and keep the community clean.

Supervisor Gagas then asked on what day was the property listed? Uddin said on August 4th. In which Supervisor Gagas pointed out that was after the August 1st deadline. Uddin stated she had offers on it, but it didn't work out so she listed it.

Supervisor Gibbs asked Uddin how soon repairs will be made? She said by the end of this week. He then asked if she will board up the windows and she said no.

Chairman Check said another concern is the condition of the house. It would be considered abandoned if not lived in in over a year per state statues. He further stated his issue is that he's not sure why Uddin is acting surprised cause there were warnings. The property was cleaned up but nothing has been done with the buildings. Chairman Check asked if buyers understand that something has to be done with the buildings. Supervisor Gibbs asked Uddin if there is a reason why she didn't put it up for sale in October of 2020? She said because she had local people calling her about purchasing the property.

Supervisor Gagas said she has been given numerous deadlines and he said town should still move forward with turning it over to the County. Supervisor Gibbs explained to Uddin that there will be more time to sell the property if it is turned over to the County. Motion made by Supervisor Gagas, seconded by Supervisor Gibbs to refer the matter over to Portage County to pursue. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Rosholt Fire District Billing: Chairman Check explained the new bylaws state that the towns have to do the billing instead of the RFD. It needs to be decided where that money will be allocated. Chairman Check suggested putting it into an equipment

account. CG said we should be paying out of our town budget and hoping to get reimbursed. Motion made by Supervisor Gagas, seconded by Supervisor Gibbs to proceed with having fire fees collected from non-residents go into an equipment fund for RFD. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sacred Heart Church Ball Diamond/Land Along Church Street: The church wants to postpone further action on this matter until after the church picnic. The deed is ready to be signed and recorded. Motion made by Supervisor Gibbs, seconded by Supervisor Gagas to table any action or discussion until the September meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Tree Cutting Policy: Chairman Check explained this has been an on-going issue due to property owners claiming wood. Per State Stats, it is the owner's property and the Town will assume the trees all belong to the owners. Supervisor Gibbs clarified that the town owns the right-of-way and Supervisor Gagas stated that the town is to maintain 33' from the centerline; however, the tree only would be property of the property owner. Chairman Check advised that the town will be starting work on more roads and will send letters out to land owners. The property owner must then tell the town where to place the tree off the right-of-way. Motion made by Supervisor Gagas, seconded by Supervisor Gibbs to approve the letter regarding the tree policy that will be sent to land owners when the town will be re-doing a road. This will be a new policy on any tree that will be cut. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Chairman Check talked to RC Pavers and it will be after Labor Day before they can get out to County Line Road. It should be done in time before the cold weather hits. The Town will need to take a look at the S curves on Bentley Road before the bridge on County Road Y is replaced next year because Bentley will be used more during that time.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Gibbs, second by Supervisor Gagas to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.