

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

**SHARON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION HELD AT**

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road _____ 20_____
May 1, 2024
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call:	Tony Palmer, Chair	Present
	Laura Kunze, Vice Chair	Present
	John Oberle, Trustee	Present
	Michael Farley, Fiscal Officer	Absent

Attendance: Supt. Tom Kayati

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was led by Chair Palmer.

Approval of Agenda:

Palmer asked to add "Discussion of Website" to the agenda.
Kunze moved the amended agenda. Oberle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 20, 2024

Oberle moved to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes. Kunze seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Palmer abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

TRUSTEES

Old Business:

Authority for Deer Feeding Resolution--Update

Oberle explained that he had a discussion with township legal counsel about whether Sharon Township can adopt a prohibition against feeding deer. Legal counsel explained that the Township does not have such authority.

New Business:

Columbus Class B Biosolids Management Program/Mt. Air

Palmer introduced the topic by summarizing the information as it was being learned. Palmer invited Kunze to provide information Kunze had learned.

Kunze noted the heavy truck traffic in the neighborhood and the discussions with neighbors in Mt. Air. Kunze explained that she then learned that the Class B permit had been issued. Kunze explained that she contacted the Ohio EPA and reviewed various documents and laws. Kunze discussed that she, and many of her neighbors have noticed unpleasant odors. Kunze noted that the Sharon Township roads in the area are not built to hold the weight of the tankers.

Residents expressed significant concern about the proximity of the risk and the unknown nature of the risk.

Kunze noted that she had discussed the matter with State Senator Kunze.

Kunze did explain to the residents that the three trustees may not discuss the matters outside of a public meeting.

Palmer noted that the City of Columbus has contracted with Deer Valley to dispose of the waste. Palmer asked Supt. Kayati if anybody had reached out previously about using the roads. Kayati confirmed that no such communication occurred.

Palmer clarified that the concern was with the weight and the width of the road.

Oberle asked the property owner to explain the need for this permit.

Mr. Hadden, the property owner, explained that there is an ongoing need for farms to fertilize. Hadden claimed that the product is a natural, organic product. Hadden explained that if the land is not used for farming, the property taxes will increase. Hadden noted that the farm has used this product for decades.

Oberle noted that the farm is surrounded by residential properties. Oberle asked if there were less offensive smells. Hadden stated that all applications have smells.

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Residents had questions about soil testing and monitoring to prevent damage to resident health and property. Residents also asked about PFAS chemicals and if they were present.

Hadden stated that Ohio EPA and the City of Columbus has information about the chemicals.

Residents asked about the duration of the applications of fertilizer. Hadden stated that the applications needed to occur when it is dry and that there is only a few more days of applications remaining.

Kunze asked Hadden if he would allow for further fact finding. Hadden agreed to do so.

Residents asked Hadden about past practices. Hadden explained that he used synthetic fertilizer last year. This current application is much less expensive according to Hadden. Hadden also explained that he wanted to maintain his property tax rate that is reduced because of the agricultural use.

A resident asked about the relationship with the City of Columbus and the resident's characterization that the City of Columbus often does not act as a good neighbor and does not communicate on matters.

Palmer expressed his frustration with the City of Columbus.

Kunze noted the strong relationship with Perry Township. Kunze explained that other townships in the area are having the same struggles with the City of Columbus.

Oberle noted that the Ohio Administrative Code provisions in this area are the problem. Oberle expressed his frustration that the notification is permitted by email and not regular mail on a topic of this importance.

A resident asked if the applications would take place in the future. Hadden noted that he intended to do this again in the future.

A resident asked if the Franklin County Board of Health has been notified about this. Kunze noted that a resident had contacted the Board of Health and will report back.

Residents noted that California and Maine have banned the application in question. The resident asked if Hadden would commit to better communications in the future so that residents do not have the issue sprung on them again in the future.

A resident asked Hadden to explain the process for the application. Hadden described the process from analysis through application of the material.

A resident asked what is known about viruses and pathogens potentially included in the waste in the application. Hadden admitted that he was not aware of the answers. Hadden did note that the City of Columbus may have these answers.

A resident asked about the notification procedures and why neighbors were not made aware of the application. Hadden did not have answers about the requirements.

A resident asked about the possibility of making children and neighbors aware of the application. Hadden expressed support for this approach.

A resident asked if Aqua was aware of the waste application. It was noted that Aqua was not on the distribution list. Kunze stated that she would follow up with Aqua.

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A resident asked about distance requirements. Hadden said that the application could not be administered within 100 feet of a house and 30 feet of a waterway.

Discussion of 2025 Tax Budget

Palmer noted that the process has commenced.

Discussion of Website

Palmer noted that he and Annie Phitayakorn held a discussion with a vendor regarding updating the website. The preliminary proposal was under the budgeted amount. Palmer will distribute the proposal once he receives it.

FISCAL OFFICER

Old or New Business:

None

POLICE

Old or New Business:

None

ROAD and CEMETERY:

Old Business:

Rosslyn/Kanawha/Westview Sanitary Sewer--Update:

Kayati updated the project and noted there are many water main breaks. The age of the pipes and infrastructure is the cause of the problems and is compounded by the soil composition. Kayati expressed concern with the methods used to repair the roads damaged during the process. The difficulties are going to delay the progress substantially.

Oberle asked Kayati about the responsible party for replacing the water lines. Oberle noted that the sanitary engineer maintains all of the contracts. Oberle is going to investigate the matter.

Oberle asked if the contractor is responsible for repairing the roads to current condition. Kayati noted that it is up to Franklin County to enforce that matter.

Oberle noted that the cemetery has a capital request into the State of Ohio.

New Business

Tom's Anniversary—March 1st*

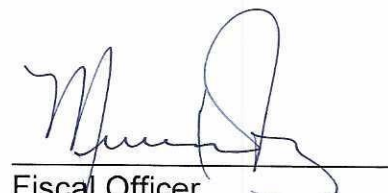
Oberle explained that the cemetery board has voted a three percent raise for Supt. Kayati. Oberle expressed support of increasing his salary three percent. Palmer asked when the effective date of the raise should be. Palmer noted that the increase will happen with the next pay period (May 2, 2024).

Palmer moved that a three percent pay increase be approved beginning the next pay period Thursday, May 2, 2024. Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Palmer moved to adjourn the meeting, Kunze seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

5/15/2024
Date


Chair


Fiscal Officer