

SOUTH HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

Present: Stein, Fisher, Bertorelli, Poole, and Wiatrowski

Absent: DeGrandchamp and Lewandowski

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Stein at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting as presented. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to approve creating a Resolution in support of HB4027 and HB4028. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Brandon Hinz was in attendance to give a report for SHAES.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to approve the Agenda. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein reported that two projects failed getting MSHDA funding and will be trying again. He also reported that Mandy and he are completing their training on Granicus for Short Term Rentals.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Poole, to approve Resolution 25-03 supporting Local Bridge Funding. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Fisher, to approve Resolution 25-04 Poverty Exemption Resolution. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to open the Public Hearing to consider amending the PA425 agreement on M140 with the City of South Haven for the Samaritas project. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stein explained the 425 agreement and the area on M140 Hwy that it covered for development purposes. Samaritas is going for a MSHDA funding for a project in this area and since the township planning process moves quicker we feel the need to amend the original agreement. There will be 53 apartments and the developer needs to have his information submitted by April.

Michael Saenz asked what a 425 was.

Supervisor Stein explained that the ownership doesn't change but jurisdiction is transferred. This amendment will reverse that change for this area.

Trustee Wiatrowski asked what properties were involved and why not all of the properties in that area.

Supervisor Stein explained that some had already been recently developed so their inclusion was not necessary.

Diane Rigozzi of Senior Services thanked the board for moving quickly.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to close the public hearing. All voted in favor.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to approve Resolution 25-05 Amending the PA425. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Bertorelli, supported by Fisher, to open the public hearing for considering amendments to the Short Term Rental Ordinance. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee Wiatrowski suggested the following changes: During registration home owners should supply a copy of their Use Tax License. If they are a member of an HOA homeowners should supply a copy of a letter of approval from the HOA. Home owners should send a letter to their adjacent neighbors letting them know they will be renting their property. The current list of items that home owners need to supply renters should be kept in a binder visible to the renter.

Supervisor Stein suggested that the clerk type up the changes and email the amended document to board members to view. Then if there are no more questions it can be forwarded to the attorney.

Clerk Bertorelli mentioned that she has had property owners wonder if they could rent out their properties more than once a week as long as the renters are there at least 3 days. Board members felt we should keep the current status of only renting a property once a week with a minimum of 3 days.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Fisher, to close the public hearing. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to approve Resolution 25-06 to Adopt Ordinance #167 Zoning Text Amendments. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Bertorelli, to approve Resolution 25-07 Introducing Ordinance #167 a Pilot for Sunset Grove. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Poole, supported by Wiatrowski, to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation for a special use by Stash Ventures LLC for a marijuana business. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Fisher, to approve the Lease Agreement with Best Way for operating the transfer station. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiatrowski, supported by Fisher, to approve the Fee Schedule changes suggested by the Zoning Administrator. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Reports from various committees and authorities were received. W.C. Askew was in attendance for the Road Commission, Diane Rigozzi reported for Senior Services.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Wiatrowski, to approve payment of anticipated bills in the amount of \$94,188.27. All voted in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Fisher, supported by Poole, to cover expenses for the Treasurer to attend a seminar. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Clerk reported that she is going through the Policy Book and will bring changes for removing outdated items at the next meeting.

There was board consensus to increase the FOIA amount for copies to \$1.00 a copy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Brenda Bertorelli, Clerk

Ross Stein, Supervisor