

**Special Taxicab Board Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2012**

Members Present: Sarah Singleton Tim Hull
 Stephen Kunselman Tom Oldakowski
 Tom Crawford

Members Absent: None

Guests:

Bill Clock, AAPD
Rick Clark, Amazing Blue Taxi
Ali Sheikh, AJ Taxi
Abdullah Saed, Arbor Taxi
Mark Neumann, Stadium Taxi

CALLED TO ORDER

Stephen Kunselman moved to volunteer as temporary chair to call the meeting to order. Tom Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m.

Mr. Kunselman said the first order of business is to elect a chairperson due to the resignation of Barbara Krick. **Tom Oldakowski nominated Stephen Kunselman. Tim Hull seconded. The motion was passed.**

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mark Neumann from Stadium Taxi had questions regarding the limousine vs. taxi act. He said there are a lot of illegal limos with last year's stickers on their vehicle in the city of Ann Arbor at night and they are also acting as taxicabs. He reported the activity to the police and said the police are looking the other way. He wants to know how the Board is regulating limos in the city. Tom Crawford said that the city does not regulate limos. But, as for enforcement, tickets can be issued for old stickers. Enforcement is a matter of availability of officers.

OLD BUSINESS

Stephen Kunselman moved to approve the Board minutes from December 15, 2011, Tom Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Taxicab Company Licenses

Arbor Taxi, LLC - Officer Clock received an application and a copy of a photo of the vehicle. The copy seem to show a black vehicle with checkered stripes and the word Taxi. The application appears to be complete. On the application, the vehicle is described as black with white stripes in the middle. Officer Clock is concerned that there is not much of a picture that clearly shows the vehicle. There is also another company, Black Taxi, that has similar color and design. Tom Crawford said under the regulations, multiple companies can have the same vehicle color but should have distinctly difference emblem or logo.

Officer Clock and Mr. Kunselman agreed the photocopy of the picture is not very helpful and does not give enough information to show the final color and markings of the vehicle.

Abdullah Saed, Arbor Taxi, felt the checker markings were distinctive from Black Taxi. He will include the company name and phone number. Also the word "taxi" will not be as large as Black Taxi's and the graphics will be white.

Mr. Kunselman moved to table the approval of Arbor Taxi's company license until a better picture is provided showing the actual color and distinctive markings. Mr. Oldakowski seconded. The motion passed.

AJ Taxi – Officer Clock received the company application from AJ Taxi with photocopied picture showing a black vehicle with yellow graphics and a white strip. Mr. Ali Sheikh said the graphics will be white. The photocopy does not show a clear picture of the vehicle. Mr. Kunselman said this is the same situation as with Arbor Taxi. Both companies vehicles are similar to Black Taxi. The photo does not show a clear picture of the final color and distinctive markings. Mr. Oldakowski and Mr. Hull agreed.

Mr. Kunselman ask Officer Clock to give a report of the number of licensed taxicab in the city. Officer Clock stated that there are 18 taxicab companies, 227 driver and 114 active vehicles.

Mr. Kunselman moved to table the approval of AJ Taxi's company license until a better picture is provided showing the actual color and distinctive markings. Mr. Hull seconded. The motion passed.

2. Sarah Singleton reported on the average gas prices over the last two months. The gas prices in Ann Arbor during the month of February was not over \$3.50 per gallon, according to AAA. The Board proposed no increase would be initiated until gas prices were over \$3.50 for three consecutive months. On average, the month of March prices were over \$3.50.
3. Taxicab Meeting Schedule

The next taxicab board meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

ADJOURNMENT

Stephen Kunselman moved to adjourn the meeting, Tom Oldakowski seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.