

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
August 26, 2003

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Supervisor who led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called and members present were: Bell, Kasson, Whitehead, Balkema and Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Anne Ward, Don & Ann Elzinga, Art Samson, Brenda Schug, Phyllis Rose, Larry R. Bolhuis, Larry A. Bolhuis, Sara Thunman, Cliff and Diane Lipscomb and daughter.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Whitehead/Balkema to adopt the agenda with one addition: New Business 11d.) Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment. CARRIED Kasson/Balkema moved to approve the July 22, 2003 regular meeting minutes with one correction. Under Zoning Administrator's Report, the property described as the old Terburgh property should read Shinville property (which was sold to Rick King and then to Steve Coleman). CARRIED Whitehead/Balkema moved to approve the Special Meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND ASSESSORS REPORTS:

Fran reported action taken on the illegal dumping of fill material on property north of 3584 North 38th Street as well as a few junk car violations, and that students were parking in the fire lane at the new high school already. He said that he would check into the firemen enforcing the pertinent ordinance. Fran informed the Board that 40th Street could not be designated as an alternate emergency route for I-94 because it is not an all-weather road yet. The road is scheduled to be upgraded in 2006. . Chuck presented the minutes of the Joint Fire Board. Balkema/Whitehead moved to accept the fire report for August. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Sara Thunman reported Target semi-trailers parking on the roadway in front of northbound no parking signs on August 6, 2003 at 2:20 p.m. Don Elzinga asked about the number of firemen responding to EMS calls. He also reported that the Speedway seemed unusually loud and that he had launched a search for who owns the Pine Ayr roads.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Manning Larson, sales engineer for Layne Northern, listed options the township had in dealing with problems caused by a too small pressure tank installed in the well house. He also suggested that the wells be cleaned to improve efficiency. He said that they should be cleaned every four to six years and that they were overdue. **Kasson/Whitehead moved to table action on the wells and pressure tank until the next board meeting.** CARRIED
- b. There being no money left in the budget for education, the Board took no action on the Fall District MTA Meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. After some discussion, **Kasson/Whitehead moved to adopt the Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Resolution.** Roll Call Vote: Bell –Y, Kasson – Y, Whitehead – Y, Kramer – Y and Balkema - Y. CARRIED
- b. The Board reviewed the Audit Report for the year ending 3/31/03.
- c. Fran updated the Board on the Townline Drain problem. Comstock, the City of Galesburg, and Charleston Township will share the expense of repair of the drain.
- d. Due to a request for a zoning change, the township will be subject to various procedures that now govern land use plan amendments under 2001 Public Act 263. These procedures require the Board to approve distribution of the proposed planning map to neighboring municipalities for their review and comment and then to be submitted to the Planning Commission for further consideration. **Kasson/Balkema moved to approve distribution of the proposed land use plan map amendment.** Roll Call Vote: Whitehead – Y; Kasson – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Balkema – Y. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reported an increase in participation in the household hazardous waste program. He also informed the Board that the next television and computer collection would be held on Saturday, September 20, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Loy Norrix High School parking lot. If there are questions, call 383-8742.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$60,576.08, disbursements: \$75,677.46, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$9.90), General fund balance: \$74,959.27, Beginning balance was \$140,143.41, Received since July Board meeting \$1,431.51. Kasson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for August as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda reported that the copy machine is now ten years old and may encounter problems getting repaired in the future due to a lack of replacement parts. She is gathering proposals from vendors to find an appropriate replacement in case the Board needs to act quickly to replace the old copier. In the meantime, the plans are to use the copier until it dies. Chuck reported that most of the Planning Commission attended the MTA training session in July and that the Commission had reviewed Well Head Protection information. Jim reported that the Township Hall had been infested with wasps and that Terminix had been called to handle the problem. He suggested that the Board consider a contract for pest control.

Whitehead/Balkema moved to approve signing a contract with Terminix for 4 inspections for one year at \$360 minus the \$180 already paid. CARRIED Fran indicated that he would be checking dates for a Fall Trash Drop-off with October 11 or 18 as the best options. **Kasson/Whitehead moved to ask BFI for a quote, and, if they would handle the Fall Trash Drop-Off for the same price as in the spring, we will contract with them, or, if not, Fran would solicit bids.** CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Kasson/Whitehead moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Whitehead moved to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk