

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
June 22, 2004

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, Schug, Kasson, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance: Don & Ann Elzinga, Larry Bolhuis, Phyllis Rose, Patsy Longfield, Art Samson, Garry Henson, Kevin Roomsburg, and Nelson Hiestand.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Kasson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10 c. Fireworks application-Galesburg Speedway CARRIED Balkema/Kasson moved to approve the May 25, 2004 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Kasson/Balkema moved to approve the May 25, 2004 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND ASSESSORS REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report
7. Fire Chief Garry Henson explained the proposed budget. The Fire Board has proposed \$109,750.00 for the budget year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 plus \$30,000.00 in overdue wages, hydrant rental, and building rent for a total of \$139,750.00. The City of Galesburg and Charleston Township continue to work on a revision of the Joint Fire Board Agreement. **Balkema/Kasson moved to authorize payment of \$25,000, the first half of the township's share of the Fire Board budget.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Kasson – Y; and Schug – Y. CARRIED Henson also explained that the department was close to getting a grant to replace the 1980 tanker with a pumper/tanker. The grant would require a \$25,000 match. He requested that Charleston agree to the grant and give the Fire Board the authority to administer the grant. The Board declined to approve the grant before it has been authorized by the federal government, preferring to wait until the grant has been received at which time the Board will call a special meeting to give the needed approval. Kasson/Balkema moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Pat Longfield asked what the equipment at 40th and Michigan Avenue was doing there. Fran said that signs are being replaced on I- 94.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Board reviewed quotes from Nuyen Electric, CT Electrical Services, and Moore Electrical Services for work at the township hall. **Balkema/Kasson moved to authorize the supervisor to spend up to \$2500 for replacement of ballasts inside the township hall and improved parking lot lighting with the electrician of his choice.** Roll Call Vote: Schug – Y; Kasson – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- b. The Board discussed the demolition of structures on the Blank property. It was suggested that the tax situation be determined and how much it would cost for the demolition. **Kasson/Balkema moved to table action on the demolition at the William Blank property for thirty days.** CARRIED **Balkema/Kasson then moved to authorize Fran to solicit bids for demolition at the Roger**

Mason property at 12628 East Michigan Avenue. CARRIED

- c. The Board listened to a presentation by Brian Scribner, Operations Manager for Life ems. He said that Life was investing in new cardiac monitors at a cost of \$20,000 apiece and were also adding turnout gear in a different color than firefighters so they would be prepared to help at car fires and other fire-related accidents. The Board is waiting for the recommendation of the Fire Board so **Balkema/Kasson moved to table action on recommending a 9-1-1 provider. CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Kasson/Balkema moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for Norm Zomer for July 4, 2004 pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees. CARRIED**
- b. As regards the capitalization policy, Linda explained that the auditors had recommended that the Board adopt a policy that delineates when Charleston will regard fixed assets as capitalized in accordance with the new GASB standards for audits. **Kramer/Kasson moved to adopt the Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy as recommended. CARRIED**
- c. **Balkema/Kasson moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for the Galesburg Speedway for July 3, 2004 (rain date July 10, 2004) pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees. CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran noted that an increase in mobile home fees didn't pass the State legislature. The Senate Majority leader also indicated in the MTA report that without increased tax revenues, cuts in revenue sharing and school aid would be necessary in next year's budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$30,082.61, disbursements: \$40,904.25, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$2.64), General fund balance: \$170,176.46, Beginning balance was \$180,000.74, Received since May Board meeting \$4,412.70. Kasson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for June as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Don discussed a policy whereby the Fire Board will only accept an EMS provider if they are designated as ALS (Advanced Life Support) providers. Linda reported that the new voting equipment has arrived and training has commenced. Chuck indicated that the attorney had advised the Planning Commission can do nothing about fencing the Rambling Trails plat without a PUD ordinance or a site condominium arrangement. He also discussed how a Dark Sky ordinance would promote a rural environment and save energy without giving up light value. Brenda indicated that summer tax bills would be out by July 1.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Kasson moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk