

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
July 27, 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, Kasson, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance Phyllis Rose, Roger Mason, Patsy Longfield, Jim Whitehead, Nelson Hiestand.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Kasson/ Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10c. annexation update – closed session, 11c. parking lot quotes and 11d. Target tax appeal – closed session. CARRIED
Balkema/ Kasson moved to approve the June 22, 2004 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED
Kasson/Balkema moved to approve the June 29, 2004 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED
Schug/Bell moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2004 election commission meeting as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Roger Mason appeared before the Board to ask for an extension of time to fix his garage. He explained the physical and financial difficulties that he has been having. The Board informed him that AGS would let him know what had to be done to repair his outbuilding. Balkema/Kasson moved to give Roger Mason ninety (90) days to get the building up to code and made aesthetically acceptable. CARRIED
Fran reported that on investigation, he discovered that William Blank is five years delinquent on his taxes but the township cannot seize his property until it goes into foreclosure. The cost of any demolition will go on the tax rolls and delinquent rolls. Kasson/Balkema moved to table action on the Blank property while Fran seeks bids on demolition. CARRIED
7. Chuck detailed the progress made on updating the Land Use Plan and the work that is being done on the Dark Sky Ordinance. Fran clarified that the township must notify all contiguous governmental units of the update on the Land Use Plan when a draft document is completed.
8. After much discussion about problems concerning the Fire Department and the Joint Fire Board Agreement, the Board opted to leave the Charleston share of the budget as it is right now, while the Board works to resolve the other issues first. Balkema/Kasson moved to receive the fire report.

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Based on the Fire Board's recommendation, Kasson/Balkema moved to appoint Life ems

- as the township's 9-1-1 provider. CARRIED
- b. Balkema/Kasson moved to table action on the township cost recovery ordinance until August so the Board can review it.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kasson/Balkema moved to authorize Layne-Northern to clean the south well and install a blow-off valve. CARRIED
- b. Balkema/Schug moved to table action on a plat road policy for thirty days while the Board studies the situation. CARRIED
- c. Balkema/Kasson moved to accept Tustin's bid for repair, sealing and striping of the parking lot. CARRIED
- d. Balkema/Kasson moved to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m. CARRIED The board discussed the annexation and the Target tax appeal. Balkema/Kasson moved to recess the closed session and go back into the meeting at 9:35 p.m. CARRIED The Board decided to take no action at this time on the annexation while Fran continues discussions with the City of Galesburg. Balkema/Kasson moved to aggressively oppose the Target tax appeal as well as solicit a joint agreement with the other affected taxing units to take unified action against the appeal. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted a letter from Brian Conway, the State Historic Preservation Officer congratulating the township on the listing of The Acres in the National Register of Historic Places. Fran also passed out a Sheriff's Department report that detailed plans for increased staffing and funding along with the cost to the various governmental units.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$61,399.96, disbursements: \$56,289.45, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3.59), General fund balance: \$186,107.66, Beginning balance was \$181,000.74, Received since June Board meeting \$30,785.00. Kasson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

No comments were offered.

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/Schug moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk