

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
February 22, 2005

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, Hiestand, Samson and Kramer. Also in attendance: Larry A Bolhuis, Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Phyllis Rose, Jim Whitehead, Don Kramer, Tim Carpenter, Kevin Roragen, Larry Combs and numerous concerned citizens of Lakeview Meadows.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the January 25, 2004 regular meeting minutes with one correction, under New Business c. the motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Samson. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator report.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in February.
8. Nelson reported that the new fire truck would be picked up next week. Charleston has made its contribution for the grant match. Nelson also noted that a letter was sent to David Wayne indicating that he has been dismissed for lack of attendance at Fire Board meetings.

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Schug moved to allow that any type of cemetery memorial will be considered, but it must be at the discretion of the sexton and must have a foundation. CARRIED
- b. The Board reviewed the six Requests For Qualifications (RFQs) that had been submitted for the Wellhead Protection Program and reduced the number to four to ask for Requests for Proposals(RFPs). Samson, Hiestand moved to send out RFPs to Fleis & Vandenbrink, Prein & Newhoff, Wightman & Associates and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber. CARRIED Fran wants to also ask for their billing structure.
- c. Fran reported that Target has asked for a 43% reduction in their assessment. The case will go before the court in October.
- d. Fran read the Final Order from the State Boundary Commission denying the annexation of Galesburg-Augusta High School into the City of Galesburg.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson moved to approve a temporary drive for six months at or about the northeast corner of Lone Eagle Aggregate LLC for a road crossing in order to provide fill sand for the Rambling Trails project. CARRIED
- b. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission has asked for a date for their annual township visit. Hiestand/Schug moved that April 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. would be our preferred date. CARRIED

- c. Fran announced that he had a rough draft of the 2005/2006 budget and that the Board would be working on a final draft in the near future.
- d. Tim Carpenter, President of the Lakeview Meadows Neighborhood Association, presented a request for a variance from the township zoning ordinance requiring public roads in the township. Several township residents spoke about the impact that discovery of unlawful/unbuildable lots in Lakeview Meadows is having upon them and their property. They noted that they had done all the right things, but they were caught in the middle of a dispute between the developer and the township. They demanded that the township resolve the matter immediately. Fran explained that it was not possible to fix the situation immediately, but that the Board would act promptly to find a solution. Linda read a letter from Michael & Tracy Way into the minutes. Hiestand/Kramer moved to meet with the attorney as soon as possible and get this situation resolved as quickly as we possibly can. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented communications from Household Hazardous Waste that detailed the collection of the millionth pound of pesticides in Kalamazoo. Fran also reviewed a letter from the County Road Commission that explained what projects are proposed for the township for the next few years. Attorney Craig Rolfe sent a letter explaining the township subdivision control ordinance needs to be amended to conform to a change in state law. Samson/Hiestand moved to authorize the attorney to review the subdivision control ordinance and prepare his recommendations. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$145386.97, disbursements: \$256,019.31, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$1.03), General fund balance: \$70,358.29, Beginning balance was \$181,000.74, Received since January Board meeting \$7,550.05. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for February as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda presented a resolution establishing municipal precincts to be used in all elections effective January 1, 2005. The election commission will take care of the resolution.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Samson moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk