

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
May 24, 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, Samson, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance: Larry A. Bolhuis, Patsy Longfield, Lorence Wenke, Garry Henson, Becky Russon, Deputy Phil Neuman, and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with the addition of one item: f. add Norm Zomer's Fireworks Permit. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the April 26, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the April 28, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the May 12, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Bell moved to approve the May 12, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that complaints about water discharge on the ground at the Galesburg Speedway were directed to the Health Department after he sent a letter informing the owner of his violations.
7. The May 17, 2005 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. Art said that he needed input from the township attorney on the Land Use Plan and Right to Farm before the Planning Commission meets again.
8. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Reports for April and May. CARRIED
 - a. Fire Chief Garry Henson expressed his dissatisfaction with the current 9-1-1 provider, Life ems. There have been problems getting an acceptable contract as well as management issues including failure to send any cars for the Prom Disaster training. Garry has been in conversation with Pridecare and recommended that the Board approve the contract with Pridecare. After reviewing the contract and having had the attorney review it, Hiestand/Kramer moved **to table action on the proposed Pridecare contract until we get a revised copy.** CARRIED

9. CITIZEN TIME:

State Representative Lorence Wenke presented copies of sources and expenditures of funds for Michigan state government for the fiscal year 2004-2005 to give the Board an idea where all the money comes from and goes in Lansing. He also distributed postage paid envelopes so those citizens could let him know their thoughts on various issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The issue of the Life ems contract was disposed of under item 8 above.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Michigan Townships Association is sponsoring an afternoon seminar on ordinance adoption and

enforcement. Planning Commission members and Township Board members were invited to attend. Hiestand/Schug moved **to approve payment of any Planning Commission member or Township Board member who wished to attend the MTA Seminar on ordinance adoption and enforcement.** CARRIED

- b. Wally Kipp, the Sheriff's Department liaison to the township, and Deputy Phil Neuman presented information on the prevalence and dangers of methamphetamine production and use in the region. Deputy Kipp also reminded the audience of the value of Gryphon Place with all their attendant helplines and programs to deal with community problems.
- c. The Township Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Lanny Becker from the Galesburg Memorial Library Board. Donna Kowalewski, who runs the library, wants to advertise for a replacement from the township.
- d. Samson/Hiestand moved **that the township choose not to become voting members of the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Policy Committee at this time.** CARRIED
- e. Fran presented the Fleis & Vandenbrink Professional Services Agreement for our wellhead project for the Board's approval. Samson/Schug moved **to authorize the supervisor to sign the Fleis & Vandenbrink Professional Services Agreement after the supervisor is satisfied with the explanation of the term lump sum fee.** CARRIED
- f. Hiestand/Kramer moved **to authorize issuance of a fireworks permit for the Galesburg Speedway upon receipt of all properly executed documents.** CARRIED Hiestand/Kramer moved **to authorize issuance of a fireworks permit for Norm Zomer upon receipt of all properly executed documents.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Prein & Newhof will hold a pig roast and chicken barbecue on Friday, June 10, 2005 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at their Kalamazoo office at 7123 Stadium Drive. Fran reported that Kalamazoo County has drawn up a draft Survey for Recycling Services. They are trying to gauge interest in either the current recycling option or an alternative option. Household Hazardous Waste is now able to accept computer equipment, monitors, televisions and cell phones year round, replacing their once a year system.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$25,394.11, disbursements: \$18,440.43, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$2.12), General fund balance: \$191,782.92, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since April Board meeting \$21,255.36. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for May as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda reported that the first consolidated election in the township went very well. Fran suggested that the Township send Lanny Becker a letter of appreciation for all his work on behalf of the township while serving on the Galesburg Memorial Library Board.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:45p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk