

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
June 28, 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: Don & Ann Elzinga, Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Larry Combs, Rob Nendorf, and Randall & Sandra Wells.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Samson to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10 d. Subdivision Development Ordinance and 11 c. Fireworks permit – Robert Thomas Jr. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the May 24, 2005 regular meeting minutes with one correction: Under New Business b. Deputy Kipp was changed to Lieutenant Kipp. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the June 9, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the June 9, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the June 14, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report
7. Art distributed preliminary draft copies of the revised land use plan and asked for approval of distribution to the surrounding political subdivisions for their comment before the public hearing that will probably be held in September. **Hiestand/Schug moved to approve distribution of the land use plan to those political subdivisions that border Charleston Township.** CARRIED The Board discussed whether to include the two rejected recommendations, R-1 & I-1, in the public hearing for changes to the local ordinances due to the revision of the Right to Farm Act. **Hiestand/Bell moved that everything submitted by the attorney be included in the public hearing.** CARRIED
8. Because the Fire Board contract with the City of Galesburg has not been formally amended yet, Nelson requested that Fran send a letter to the City reminding them that the issues of hydrant rental, building maintenance and barn rental still need to be clarified in writing. He agreed to do so. Schug/Kramer moved to accept the fire report. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Don Elzinga wondered if the Board was aware of the changes taking place at the Galesburg Speedway. Fran assured him that he keeps a log of all reported incidents. Sandra Wells asked about progress in the Lakeview Meadows lawsuit. Rob Nendorf wondered if the Board has considered the expense of litigation as well as the loss of revenue from new development due to the Lakeview Meadows suit.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reported that the Board appointed Pride Care Ambulance as the township's 9-1-1 provider on June 14, 2005 effective on June 28, 2005.
- b. Upon recommendation by a couple of Board members, **Hiestand/Schug moved to appoint Cindy Roe as a township representative to the Galesburg Memorial Library Board to complete the term vacated by Lanson Becker which runs through December 31, 2007.** CARRIED

- c. Fran noted that the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering for a Wellhead Protection Program has been actualized and the grant has been applied for.
- d. After a brief review of the changes made to the Subdivision Development Ordinance, **Samson/Hiestand moved to adopt Ordinance # 133 with the changes recommended by the attorney to replace subsections 1-5 in Section 6.D with 1. Streets shall comply with all applicable construction standards adopted by the Kalamazoo County Road Commission, the note after subsection 5 would be deleted and subsections 6-10 would then be renumbered 2-6.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the request of BFI Waste Systems (now Allied Waste) for boundary line adjustments to their property on L Avenue in order to expedite the sale of the properties.** CARRIED Since the Charleston Hills plat was approved by the sitting township board in July, 1960, any change in the boundaries of lots created at that time requires Board approval.
- b. **Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the expenditure of funds for those who were interested in participating in MTA workshops on parliamentary procedure and planning and zoning tools and errors.** CARRIED
- c. **Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for Robert Thomas Jr. for July 4, 2005 pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran distributed several communications for the Board to peruse.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$28,089.12, disbursements: \$60,738.19, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3.65), General fund balance: \$152,178.64, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since May Board meeting \$2,787.36. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for June as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda explained that under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) the door to the meeting room would have to be moved to accommodate wheelchairs. She indicated that she would need to get bids on the project so that it can be completed by the end of the year. **Hiestand/Samson moved to authorize Linda to seek bids on revising the meeting room entrance to satisfy HAVA requirements.** Brenda indicated that summer tax bills would be out by July 1. Art asked if the attorney would do the noticing for the Land Use Plan public hearing. Fran indicated that he would. Fran reported that he had observed the activities at the disaster practice.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Hiestand/Schug 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 9:07 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk