

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
July 26, 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, Samson, Schug, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance Phyllis Rose, Patsy Longfield, Larry A. Bolhuis and Mark Murray.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the June 28, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the July 7, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Art explained the site plan review for Target's two carport type structures over their dumpsters and the need for an abbreviated site plan review to cover minor projects, as well as the discussion about asphalt plant regulations and the Public Hearing for the Right to Farm Ordinance scheduled for September.
7. Nelson informed the Board of a FEMA grant in the amount of \$60,000 available to the Fire Department for the purchase of new radios and pagers. The grant requires a 5% match (\$3000.00) that the Fire Department may be able to cover. Hiestand/Kramer moved to authorize the Fire Board to administer the \$60,000 FEMA grant for radios and pagers. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved that if the township must contribute to the match of the grant, the township is willing to contribute \$1500.00. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson also moved to authorize payment of the first budget installment to the Fire Board in the amount of \$25,000.00. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug - Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED In an attempt to make progress on amending the Fire Board agreement, Samson/Hiestand moved to authorize Fran to draw up a rough draft of the Fire Board agreement amendments for the City of Galesburg to review. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report.

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran explained the procedure for the Land Use Plan Review as it pertains to any contiguous municipality.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lieutenant Wally Kipp from the Sheriff's Department answered questions about the Jail Facilities Bond Proposition.
- b. Fran presented a resolution to increase the membership of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission from three to five members. Hiestand/Schug moved to adopt the resolution and move it forward. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug –Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- c. Hiestand/Schug moved to authorize payment for any Board member to attend the MTA Fall District Meetings in September contingent upon the budget supporting it. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted communications from the Kalamazoo County Fair, MTA concerning Metro Act payments to the townships, the County 2006 Walk for Warmth which is looking for volunteers from elected officials to serve on sub-committees, and the Friends of Transit.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$66,608.32, disbursements: \$75,732.64, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$4.95), General fund balance: \$160,707.64, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since June Board meeting \$37,363.21. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson reported that the contract with the users of the Landfill was being followed as it pertains to mowing and that he had received complaints of ML Avenue breaking up. Linda reminded the audience of the August 2, 2005 election. Brenda proposed paying for the township propane in advance in order to lock in a better rate. Hiestand/Kramer moved to authorize prepayment of the propane in the amount of 1000 gallons. CARRIED

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 8:28 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk