

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
August 23, 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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Larry A. Bolhuis, Dennis Ward, Faith Nendorf and Pat Longfield.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Samson to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the July 26, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

Art said that he is still looking for an abbreviated site plan process ordinance that will work for Charleston Township. He also said that discussion is continuing on regulations for asphalt plants. It was noted that the City of Galesburg billed the Fire Board for hydrant rental for the previous fiscal year (2004/2005) in the current fiscal year (2005/2006) which takes an unexpected bite out of the current budget. Solutions will be sought to rectify the problem. Nelson expressed frustration that the Fire Board authorized a payment to the City of Galesburg in excess of \$5000 without prior approval of the township and the city which is required by the Fire Agreement. Samson/Hiestand moved that the supervisor be directed to correspond with the Fire Board suggesting that their action to pay a bill to the City of Galesburg in excess of the legal limit be rescinded and the check returned and to further direct the supervisor to challenge the treatment of Charleston's alternate member to the Fire Board at the August 17, 2005 meeting. CARRIED It was reported that the Fire Department has a website ([gcfirerescue.org](http://gcfirerescue.org)) and wants to be linked to the township website.

CITIZEN TIME:

A question was asked about the status of the Lakeview Meadows lawsuit. It is the first item of Old Business on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reported that a proposal was sent to the developers of the Lakeview Meadows site condo on July 12, 2005 and that the township had just received a response on August 18, 2005, which is being reviewed.
- b. Fran informed the Board that there is a possibility of an amicable resolution of the Target tax appeal before the case goes before the Tax Tribunal.
- c. Fran said that the grant period for the Wellhead Protection program has been extended for one year and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has accepted the expenses that the township incurred in acquiring the wells as part of the township's contribution to the grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Schug authorized the Clerk to transfer \$15,000 from the Sewer Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund as suggested by the township's accounting firm, Siegfried, Crandall, PC. Roll Call: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED

- b. Fran encouraged members of the audience to consider attending the MSUE Citizen Planner Program, a land use training and certificate program for land use decision makers held for eight consecutive weeks at the Kellogg Biological Station beginning Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.
- c. The Household Hazardous Waste Center, in its 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter newsletter, said that participation is up, disposal costs down and electronics recycling is off to a great start.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reported that he had sent a letter to the City of Galesburg concerning their offer to allow the township's appointees to the Galesburg Memorial Library Board to be voting members. He hasn't received a reply yet. Samson/Hiestand moved to authorize the supervisor to draft a letter of support or a resolution for applying for Brownfield Assessment Grants. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$69,256.78, disbursements: \$105,281.68, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$782.51), General fund balance: \$148,023.95, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since July Board meeting \$2,623.46. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for August as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda presented a Resolution in Support of the Kalamazoo County Growth Plan that was distributed at a meeting sponsored by Southwest Michigan First that she and Art attended. Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the resolution in support of the Kalamazoo County Growth Plan. Roll Call: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Hiestand – Y. CARRIED Art itemized things going on at the Galesburg Speedway that are contrary to three court orders governing the racetrack. The items included tires stacked up and a berm that was constructed in violation of the zoning ordinance.

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 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk