

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
September 27, 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: Don & Ann Elzinga, Phyllis Rose, Dennis Ward, Jose Escandon and son, Wayne Carlson, and Paul Lockner.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with the addition of 7b. Land Use Plan Amendment, 7c. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, and 11c. Rambling Trails # 1. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the August 23, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented with the addition of Faith Nendorf to the list of citizens in attendance. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the August 30, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Tabled action on disposition of minutes of August 30, 2005 closed session.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No information was presented.
7. a. No new information was available concerning Site Plan Administrative Review at this time.
b. Hiestand/Schug **moved to adopt the Land Use Plan as presented.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Nelson commended the Planning Commission on doing good work on the Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments.
c. After some explanation by Attorney Craig Rolfe and some discussion by the Board, Hiestand/Samson **moved to follow the Planning Commission’s recommendation to accept Amendments 1 through 13 and to not accept Amendments 14 through 20 of the text of the zoning ordinance text amendments.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug **moved to adopt ordinance # 134.** Roll Call Vote: Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y; Hiestand – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED Art indicated that the Planning Commission would put the original asphalt plant regulations back into the zoning ordinance which was inadvertently left out when the zoning ordinance was last revised.
8. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Ann Elzinga asked if there was anything new happening with the former Olive Tree Restaurant. Fran replied that he hadn’t heard anything new since May. A special closed meeting was scheduled for October 6, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss action concerning Lakeview Meadows.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. BFI submitted a request for boundary adjustments to parcels they own on L Avenue to improve the marketability of the lots. Kramer/Hiestand **moved to combine Lots 15 & 18 and Lots 19 & 20 of the Supervisor’s Plat of Charleston Hills, a requirement as the plat was approved by the sitting township board in July, 1960 and any change in the boundaries of lots created at that time needs board approval.** CARRIED
- b. Fran presented a revised copy of the Library Services Agreement which included a sentence allowing voting rights for township board representatives on all business issues involving the Board. Samson/Hiestand **moved to send the revised copy of the Library Services Agreement to the City of Galesburg for their consideration.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fran made information available from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission concerning their winter maintenance operations and encouraged anyone interested to review the information and send comments to the Road Commission.
- b. The Board set Saturday, October 15, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon for the Fall Trash Drop-off.
- c. Jose Escandon asked the Board to allow him to build two houses before final plat approval in order to take advantage of the fall weather. Hiestand/Samson **moved to allow Associated Government Services (AGS) to issue two building permits upon receipt of a letter of credit, which will be returned, to Mr. Escandon upon final plat approval.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer –Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reported that Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) sent a letter of congratulations to the township on being awarded a grant for the wellhead protection program. Fran also indicated that citizens should contact the web address donotcall.gov if they wish to be included on a do not call list for cell phone users.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$94,669.78, disbursements: \$121,604.20, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$2,837.82), General fund balance: \$155,059.12, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since August Board meeting \$25,413.00. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson indicated that he was keeping a running total of cost recovery money from the township that was going to the fire department as the Board had requested.

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 9:20 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk