

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
October 25, 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, Kramer, Hiestand, Schug and Samson. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Phyllis Rose, Jose Escandon, Dennis Ward, Larry A. Bolhuis, Eric & Karen Starck, and Judith Betz.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Samson to adopt the agenda with the addition of 11. New Business d. Nonconforming building permit applications CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to add 11e. to the agenda: Board action on Ordinance # 135. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the September 27, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the August 30, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the October 6, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the October 6, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the October 13, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the October 13, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

7. Art indicated that he had not found a suitable administrative site plan review procedure. Fran intended to check with Michigan Townships Association to see if they had a model from which we could draw our own. He also reported that the Planning Commission had recommended that the township board adopt Ordinance # 135 which regulates asphalt plants. Hiestand/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes as received.
8. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for September.

CITIZEN TIME:

Judith Betz asked what the Township was doing about Lakeview Meadows. Fran explained that the Board had several closed meetings to discuss the problem and that she should ask the developers what they were doing to resolve the issues because, as a member of the Lakeview Meadows Association and a party to the lawsuit, she had a right to know what was going on.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. November 12, 2005 was designated as the next Fall Trash Drop Off Day. Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson moved to grant final approval of the final plat of Rambling Trails #1. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- b. Hiestand/Samson moved to enter into an agreement with Layne-Northern to provide maintenance on the water tower wells as presented in the quotation. CARRIED

- c. Hiestand/Schug moved to increase the funding for household hazardous waste from \$1300 to \$1500. CARRIED The increased funding will go to cover the cost of meth lab waste disposal.
- d. Art brought to the board's attention the fact that non-conforming use building permit requests were not coming before the Township Board for review before issuance as required in a motion made on September 28, 1993. In order to resolve the problem, Hiestand/Samson moved to rescind the motion of 09/28/93 regarding non-conforming building permits. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson then moved that all requests and/or applications for building, electrical, plumbing, zoning compliance, occupancy and all other applicable permits for any non-conforming use, building or structure be referred to the Township Board for approval before issuance by the zoning administrator and that the zoning administrator be advised of this requirement by letter and/or copy of these minutes. CARRIED
- e. Hiestand/Samson moved to adopt Ordinance # 135 regarding asphalt plants as presented. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented letters to the Galesburg City Mayor concerning the revised Library Agreement, the Kalamazoo County Fairground Master Plan, Centers for Regional Excellence to encourage collaboration between local governments, the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, solid waste disposal laws, and the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study Asset Management Inventory Project for 2005.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$97,492.40, disbursements: \$157,905.83, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$2,839.39), General fund balance: \$121,578.54, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since September Board meeting \$2,822.62. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for October as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Hiestand/Samson moved to authorize the Clerk to sign the franchise agreement between Comcast and Charleston Township. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Fran reported that the assessor, Diane Gajor, had applied for a part-time assessor's position with Climax Township. The Climax Township supervisor wanted a letter of recommendation from Charleston which the Board was pleased to provide. Samson/Schug moved to authorize a positive letter of recommendation to Climax Township for Diane Gajor. 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 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk