

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
November 22, 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: Patsy Longfield, and Dennis Ward.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the October 25, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Discussed the attorney drafting of a document of violations of the court order by Galesburg Speedway. Samson/Kramer moved **to authorize the attorney to proceed with any necessary and justified legal action against the Galesburg Speedway.** CARRIED
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in November.
8. Nelson presented the fire report and answered questions. Kramer/Schug moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED Nelson pointed out that the Fire Board would not have sufficient funds to meet payroll in December unless the Township or the City of Galesburg was willing to make their next contribution a month early. Samson/Schug **moved to approve early payment of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2005/2006 public safety budget.** CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Dennis Ward asked if anything was happening at the party store formerly known as Singrey's. Nothing is known at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Because of numerous requests to pay sewer bills with a credit card, Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority requested that the township approve a resolution authorizing the use of credit cards and charging equipment fees, handling fees and percentage up-charge fees to customers with their consent. Hiestand/Samson moved **to adopt the resolution as written.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell –Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- b. Fran suggested that Board members look over the educational workshops offered at the MTA Conference in January and decide if they want to attend.
- c. Fran reminded the Board that they had approved a Resolution in support of the Kalamazoo County Growth Plan at the August 23, 2005 meeting. He said that Charleston Township could expect visitors in support of the Growth Plan to come to future meetings to encourage township participation.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information from Household Hazardous Waste, the Charleston Township Landfill Citizen Communication Committee regarding the possible sale of the landfill, the Department of Environmental Quality regarding the franchise agreement between Charleston and the City of Galesburg, and a Social Security Number Privacy Policy that the Board should review before the next Board meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$124,630.52, disbursements: \$174,633.56, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$2,841.01), General fund balance: \$131,987.31, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since October Board meeting \$24,821.21. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for November as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Brenda said that tax bills would go out next week. Linda explained the need for improved Internet service for the township office. Hiestand/Schug moved **to authorize the clerk to subscribe to DSL service with Climax Telephone staying within a \$500 limit on installation charges.** CARRIED Fran said that six of nine members of the Wellhead Protection Committee attended the first meeting.

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 9:00 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk