

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
December 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, Pat Longfield, Brendan Ragotzy, Lorence Wenke and Larry A. Bolhuis.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the November 22, 2005 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the December 7, 2005 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the December 7, 2005 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND ASSESSORS REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's report
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting for the month of December.
8. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED Nelson related that the Fire Department had made an arrangement with Galesburg Speedway to have equipment on hand with the firemen volunteering to be there in exchange for a contribution. They didn't receive the contribution they expected, so they will reconsider their arrangement. Nelson also noted that Marian Caley had donated \$250 to the Fire Department.

CITIZEN TIME:

State Representative Lorence Wenke was available to answer questions. Art wanted to know if the legislators would be looking at their own health insurance benefits as long as they were attempting to change the way school employees' benefits are handled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the Library Agreement with the City of Galesburg and to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign the agreement. CARRIED
- b. Hiestand/Schug moved to adopt the Social Security Number Privacy Policy recommended by the township attorney. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- c. Schug/Hiestand moved to approve the payment of registration fees for any board member who chooses to attend the MTA Annual Conference in Grand Rapids at the end of January. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson moved to adopt a resolution recommending approval of the transfer of the Barn Theatre liquor license from Jack Ragotzy (who is now deceased) to his son,

- Brendan Ragotzy.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED CARRIED
- b. After some discussion on the merits of a one-year contract versus a three-year contract, Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve a one-year renewal of our contract with Corrpro Waterworks for maintenance work on the water tower wells and to authorize the supervisor to sign the agreement.** CARRIED
 - c. Fran listed the various appointments to the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve the reappointment of Joan Orman, Philip Larson and Walt Kohnke to the Planning Commission for three year terms, and the reappointment of Norm Zomer and Linda Locey to three year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals if they are willing to continue their service.** Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted letters he had received from Prein & Newhof providing information on the deeds and splits process, a letter from Siegfried Crandall offering additional services, a letter from the Kalamazoo County Planning & Development Department concerning a Brownfield Assessment Grant Application, a notice of the Walk for Warmth program scheduled for February 18, 2006, and an increase in fees for the County Health & Community Services Department.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$126,270.64, disbursements: \$208,220.74, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$2,842.71), General fund balance: \$100,038.55, Beginning balance was \$184,831.36, Received since November Board meeting \$1640.12. Kramer/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for December as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda explained the need for DSL and indicated that the township would soon have that capability. Fran reported that the pump station on L Avenue had been badly damaged by a hit and run accident and that Lt. Wally Kipp would be at the next board meeting. Brenda said that taxes were coming in and she has been busy.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Schug/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 8:00 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk