

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
March 28 2006

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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Larry A. Bolhuis, Phyllis Rose, Jim Eberhard and his father.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Samson to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the February 28, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the February 28, 2006 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the March 7, 2006 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the March 7, 2006 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning administrator's report.
7. No additional comment from the Planning Commission Chairman regarding the PC minutes. There was no Planning Commission meeting in March. There will be a meeting in April.
8. Nelson referenced an incident that the Fire Chief found disturbing. The incident involved Kalamazoo County Ambulance and dealt with an inordinate amount of time before the patient was delivered to the hospital emergency room. Samson/Hiestand moved **to approve the proposed 2006/2007 Fire Department Budget**. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Jim Eberhard, an Eagle Scout from Troop 325 at St. Philip's High School in Battle Creek, approached the Board about doing a service project that entailed replacing damaged or missing pickets from the fence surrounding Lawler Cemetery in Fort Custer. Jim requested that the Township cover the costs of the materials estimated to be about \$75 and he would be in charge of a group of scouts who would do the repairs. Art Samson commended Jim for his efforts. Samson then moved and Hiestand seconded **to support the project contingent upon acceptable liability coverage from the township or the scouts and authorized the expenditure of no more than \$150**. CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: 2006/2007 BUDGET

At 7:40 p.m. Samson/Schug moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing to take public comment on the proposed 2006/2007 budgets. CARRIED

There was some clarification of a few items in the budget. At 7:53, Hiestand/Samson moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. CARRIED (See attachments.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Attorney Rolfe recommended several changes to the Asphalt Plant Text which the Planning Commission will discuss at their next meeting.

