

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
May 23, 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, Samson, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance: Larry A. Bolhuis, Garry Henson, Phyllis Rose, Ron Dundon, Kevin Roomsberg, and Don & Ann Elzinga

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of one item: 11c. AED Presentation by Ron Dundon, and a closed meeting at the end of the Board meeting. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the April 25, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the April 25, 2006 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran provided the Board with a list of complaints from township residents concerning blight and junk cars. Associated Government Services is checking into the complaints.
7. Art discussed the draft copy of the administrative site plan review that the Planning Commission has been working on. Fran suggested that the Board review the draft before the next board meeting. Schug/Hiestand moved **that the Board review the administrative site plan review before the next meeting.** CARRIED
8. Fire Chief Garry Henson reported that a check had arrived from FEMA for the time that firefighters spent manning a check-in area for victims of Hurricane Katrina at Fort Custer. Garry planned to distribute the funds to all the area departments that were involved. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Report for May. CARRIED

9. CITIZEN TIME:

Don Elzinga asked when South 38th Street would be rebuilt. Fran indicated that 2009 was now the planned year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran updated the Board on the progress of the Target tax appeal. A court date has been set for September if a settlement is not reached before then.
- b. Fran reported that all parties had signed a Final Order By Consent, which concludes the litigation with LV Development concerning Lakeview Meadows.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson moved **to authorize issuance of fireworks permits for Norm Zomer and Roger Roof upon receipt of all properly executed documents.** CARRIED
- b. The Board discussed a resolution opposing the elimination of local franchising of cable services. The Board is concerned with control of the township's rights-of-way and the tendency of cable operators to leave rural areas out when it comes to extending service to a location. Hiestand/Samson moved **that the Clerk sign and send out copies of MTA's suggested resolution to all interested parties.** Roll

Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED

- c. Ron Dundon of AED presented the Fire Department with a new defibrillator. The device is to be carried in a firefighter's vehicle so that the firefighter can head directly to an emergency instead of first going to the fire station to get all necessary equipment. He also gave the township a CPR kit to be used to get as many people as possible trained in CPR.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran explained that the cost of the video of Galesburg Speedway cost \$85 more than was authorized. Hiestand/Schug moved **to authorize the payment of the additional \$85 to Lawrence Productions for the video of Galesburg Speedway.** CARRIED The Household Hazardous Waste report indicated that participation was up 67% from the previous year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$33,015.00, disbursements: \$13,984.84, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3.63), General fund balance: \$247,233.04, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since April Board meeting \$24,436.70. Hiestand/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for May as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson reported that the Spring Trash Drop-off went very well. Thanks go out to Ken Thoroughman, Mike House, Jim Whitehead, Pat Reardon, Walt Kohnke and Nelson Hiestand for their help with the Drop-off. Linda indicated that ES&S had been selected as the vendor for the accessible voting devices required for the August primary. Their AutoMark devices will be delivered soon. Brenda said that she was getting a second bid on the township hall project from Bruce Haase. Art would like a meth presentation that would be available to the public.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Hiestand/Schug moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

Samson/Schug moved to recess the regular meeting and go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Discussed matters pertaining to Galesburg Speedway. Hiestand/Samson moved to close the closed session at 8:50 p.m. and return to the regular meeting. Samson/Hiestand moved to **authorize the supervisor to be in contact with the attorney concerning matters discussed in closed session.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk