

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
June 27, 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: Don & Ann Elzinga, Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Jim Whitehead, Phyllis Rose, Ralph Warning, and various patrons of the Galesburg Speedway

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of Disposition of the June 22, 2006 special meeting minutes changing 11c. to read Planning Commission Recommendation – Ordinance 136
CARRIED Samson/ Hiestand moved to approve the May 23, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the May 23, 2006 closed meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the June 22, 2006 special meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report
7. Art suggested that the Planning Commission may look at extended hours for earth removal operations that mirror the asphalt plant regulations. Schug/Kramer moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Nelson indicated that Fire Chief Garry Henson was having trouble collecting fees from trucking firms that had made use of Fire Department services on I-94. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the fire report. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

Ralph Warning, owner of Galesburg Speedway, questioned why the Township Board had turned down his request to replace his ticket booth. Fran explained that the ticket booth was subject to the non-conforming use provision of the court order. Attorney Rolfe suggested that Mr. Warning make application first to discover what can be done to remedy the situation with his ticket booth before a permit is issued. The supervisor will call Associated Government Services and ask them to visit the Speedway and see what can be done to repair the old ticket booth.

7:30 P.M. Public Hearing – Rambling Trails Special Assessment Lighting District

Samson/Hiestand moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.
CARRIED There being no public comment, Samson/Hiestand moved to close the Public Hearing and go back into the regular meeting. CARRIED Samson/Schug **moved to adopt the resolution creating Rambling Trails Subdivision Street Lighting Special Assessment District and confirming the special assessment roll/spread.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED

CONTINUATION OF CITIZEN TIME:

Several meeting attendants spoke in favor of Mr. Warning and accused the Board of trying to shut down his business. Attorney Rolfe explained nonconforming use and that he made sure Mr. Warning knew the circumstances when he bought the business from the Bloomfields. Fran informed the restless crowd that the Township Board was obligated to follow the court order that the Speedway operates under. The group continued to make complaints and talk over each other and Board members who tried to answer their complaints. As audience members were repeating their remarks, the supervisor halted discussion in order to proceed to the rest of the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After some explanation of the purpose of an administrative site plan review, Samson/Bell **moved to have the attorney analyze and render his opinion concerning the wisdom of adopting a site plan review process and if he finds merit in the seven concepts suggested by the Planning Commission.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for Galesburg Speedway, Robert Thomas Jr. and Glen Eldridge for July 4, 2006 pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees.** CARRIED
- b. Fran presented information on a Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that adoption of this plan by our community would enable our community to be eligible for federal funding for hazard mitigation projects. Four suggested projects were presented including weather and emergency notification to area residents and improving design, routing and traffic control at problem roadway areas like I-94 when it is closed by traffic accidents. **Hiestand/Samson moved to adopt the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan draft resolution provided by the Office of Emergency Management after consultation with the Fire Chief.** CARRIED
- c. **Hiestand/Schug moved to adopt Ordinance 136, Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments as required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran distributed several communications for the Board to peruse.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$40,791.34, disbursements: \$64,621.14, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$5.67), General fund balance: \$204,371.04, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since May Board meeting \$9,147.34. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for June as received. CARRIED

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda indicated that the Voter Assisted Terminal had been delivered.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Kramer/Schug moved to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk