

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
July 25, 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, Samson, Schug, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance Phyllis Rose, Patsy Longfield, Larry A. Bolhuis, Dennis Ward and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Samson to adopt the agenda with the additions of 9a. under Old Business – Target Tax Appeal and 10e. under New Business – Water System Damage. CARRIED
Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the June 27, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report.
7. Art explained that approval of the American Radiant site plan review did not include authorization of the use of a platform on the roof of the building for display purposes. He thought that it was, in actuality, a sign and thus required a permit. The Board also discussed the need to get documentation probably 30 days in advance of a scheduled review at a Planning Commission meeting in order to make corrections, revisions, etc. A suggestion was made to use a procedure sheet so that the applicant could review it and make sure that all required information was submitted in a timely manner. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve the site plan of American Radiant with the stipulation that approval of the sign and the platform on the roof was not being granted because of the necessity for a permit.** CARRIED Hiestand/Kramer moved to accept the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. After a brief report by Nelson, Samson/Schug moved to receive the joint fire board report. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved **to approve a three-year extension of the Pridicare Ambulance contract on the Fire Chief's recommendation.** CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran explained the results of the Target tax appeal negotiations. The township had been charging \$32 per square foot. Target offered \$20 per square foot. The negotiated amount is \$25 per square foot. The township will lose \$6,000 to \$7,000 in annual revenue and will have to reimburse Target for two years of overpayment of their taxes. The \$25 per square foot will not change as long as Target doesn't make any additions to the property. Hiestand/Schug moved **to accept the recommendation of Attorney James Porter to continue with the \$25 per square foot assessment.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Due to revised cost estimates the Kalamazoo County Road Commission informed the Board that an additional road project could be done this year. Hiestand/Kramer moved **to approve the chip seal of 40th Street from the I-94 interchange to Fort Custer Drive.** CARRIED
- b. Fran presented notification of the Townline Drain assessment for a few parcels in the township in the North 36th Street area.
- c. The Michigan Townships Association is offering a workshop on budgets and funding. Any Board member wishing to participate must let the clerk know by Friday, July 28, 2006.
- d. Lt. Wally Kipp presented information on traffic accidents, crash statistics, problems at the Galesburg Speedway and the Juvenile Home Millage Vote.
- e. Fran reported that lightning struck one of the wells and damaged a pump. The township has made an insurance claim. A new motor has been installed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted a letter of thanks from Carl Newton, President of the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Fighters Association to all the businesses and individuals who contributed to the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The AED has already been used twice, the second time resulting in a Field Save. Fran also presented a letter requesting payment of the final installment of a rights-of-way refund of excess fees paid by CenturyTel, and a letter of appreciation from the Elzingas for the Township Board. Nelson reported on the latest Landfill Committee meeting. The potential purchase of the landfill is moving slowly. Committee members are concerned about dead trees, less mowing of the property and a dilapidated house on the site that is open to entry.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$76,418.89, disbursements: \$120,952.16, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$7.52), General fund balance: \$183,665.72, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since June Board meeting \$29,086.85. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZENS' TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda reminded the audience of the August 8, 2006 election and the availability of the Automark Voter Assist Terminal. Brenda indicated that renovations would be started after the election. Fran noted that the conclusion of the building inspector that the pit ticket booth at Galesburg Speedway is beyond repair supports the action taken by the township board at the June 22, 2006 Special Meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk