

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
September 26, 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. Also in attendance: Don & Ann Elzinga, Phyllis Rose, Pat Longfield, and Larry Bolhuis.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10f. Fall Trash Drop Off and 10g. Wellhead Grant Approval CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the August 22, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. a. Fran reported that a Dangerous Structure Hearing was held on September 13, 2006 for the structure at 11505 Climax Drive owned by James Otto. A plan for bringing the dwelling up to code was discussed and a recommendation was presented which both parties accepted. Mr. Otto was informed that if he fails to meet the requirements of the proposed recommendation, the Township will recommend that the dwelling be demolished and that the expenses of that demolition be charged to the owner's tax account.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in September, however, the Commission will meet in October.
8. Samson/Kramer moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Attorney Rolfe sent a draft text of an administrative site plan review for the Board to consider. Art had some disagreement with it. The draft was sent on to the Planning Commission.
- b. At the July 25, 2006 board meeting there was some discussion about needing to have documentation in place thirty days in advance of a scheduled site plan review for corrections and revisions. Upon exploration of the topic, Fran found that the township already had the requirements in the zoning ordinance. It just needs to be implemented more consistently.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reported that another person was interested in bidding on the demolition of the Blank property. Fran suggested that because it had been so long since the first bid was received, getting new quotes would be in order. Samson/Hiestand **moved to re-quote demolition bids.** CARRIED
- b. Fran pointed out that MTA was offering a workshop on emergency services in Mount Pleasant in October and November.
- c. Linda reported that FEMA was looking for local cooperation in their mapping project. The process will take two years to complete and the township will need to adopt an ordinance to keep residents eligible for flood insurance.
- d. After some discussion Hiestand/Samson **moved to compensate at \$55 each the hearing officer and the recording secretary of the Dangerous Structure hearing.** CARRIED

- e. The Board did a six-month review of the budget and discussed the need for a more meaningful report.
- f. The Board set Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon for the Fall Trash Drop-off.
- g. Fran indicated that the township had received the 2nd year grant for the wellhead protection project. **Hiestand/Schug moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the Wellhead Protection Grant agreement. CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reported that MTA had updated its by-laws and that some of the board members had attended a joint meeting of the county's supervisors, clerks and treasurers where Kalamazoo City's Fire Marshall presented a proposal for a Fire Training facility that he hoped the outlying areas of the county would support. **Hiestand/Schug moved to invite the Kalamazoo City Fire Marshall to a future meeting to answer questions. CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$100,090.32, disbursements: \$174,882.21, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$11.35), General fund balance: \$153,403.27, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since August Board meeting \$25,111.79. **Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September as received. CARRIED**

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Don Elzinga commented on several things discussed at the board meeting and remarked on the new appearance of the township hall.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda explained the problems confronting the Cable Access Center with the loss of funding from Ross Township and the Village of Augusta. Fran indicated what renovations had taken place at the township hall. Art said that he had called Representative Wenke's office to complain about state government encroaching upon local control.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. **CARRIED**

Linda Kramer, Clerk