

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
October 24, 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, Kramer, Hiestand, Schug and Samson. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Dennis Ward, Lorence Wenke, Marty Myers and couple of other citizens.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the September 26, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

7. Hiestand/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Marty Myers, Fire Marshall for the City of Kalamazoo, presented to the Board his proposal for a Kalamazoo Regional Training Center and answered questions about the Center and the agreement that is still in the process of being developed. He also discussed costs to the participating charter members and how the facility will be administered. Samson/Hiestand moved to table action on the Regional Police & Fire Training Facility while the Board awaits the rough draft of the agreement. CARRIED
- b. There was no administrative site plan review presented yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Board discussed the liability of the township for maintaining sewer pipes along McCollum. Fran will call the City of Kalamazoo Utilities Director to suggest a possible camera check of Kalamazoo's trunk line on the west side of McCollum. Hiestand/Schug moved to pay Dorothy Blodgett \$200.70 for the cost of cleaning tree roots from the city line into her sewer lead by Roto-Rooter. CARRIED
- b. After some discussion about the draft copy of the updated Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance, Hiestand/Kramer moved to support the concept of the Residential Waste Reduction Agreement. CARRIED
- c. Hiestand/Samson moved to reappoint Shirley Kasson to the Galesburg Memorial Library Board for a term of five years. CARRIED
- d. Fran reminded the audience of the township hall open house on Thursday, October 26, 2006 from 4 to 6 p.m. The purpose of the open house is to show the residents how the hall has been refurbished.
- e. Fran reported that the ZBA would be hearing a variance request from James & Michelle Hughes on Monday, October 30, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented a letter from the townships of Comstock and Kalamazoo informing the Board of a court date and requesting financial support in their lawsuit against the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) with regard to their Phase II Urban Storm Water Discharge Permitting process. Charleston does not fall under the requirements of the regulations at this time. Art suggested that Fran call or send a letter of support to the involved townships, but let them know that Charleston has had enough legal expense this year with the Target Tax Appeal. Fran also reported that the Fall Trash Drop-off was a success.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$108,217.53, disbursements: \$231,891.28, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$3,257.59), General fund balance: \$101,275.17, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since September Board meeting \$7,772.21. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for October 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:

Lorence Wenke said that he was just visiting the township hall and offered mums for the township open house which were gratefully accepted.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson and Fran talked about the landfill being marketed for non-landfill use. Art asked if there was any new information on the trucking company (Swift) that owes the township money. The answer was negative. He also asked about the Galesburg Speedway and Fran responded that several things were still waiting to be completed. Fran detailed the Eagle Scout project to rehabilitate Lawler Cemetery. The project was to have been completed on Saturday, October 21, 2006. The township will be given the receipts so that the Scout can be reimbursed for his expenses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk