

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
November 28, 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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Phyllis Rose, Larry Bolhuis, Jeff Rood, Mike Ambs, Rick Clark and Dennis Ward.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Samson to adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED** Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the October 24, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED**

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that the Otto house was being worked on.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in November.
8. Nelson presented the fire report and answered questions. Schug/Samson moved to accept the fire report for October. **CARRIED** Nelson pointed out that the Fire Board would not have sufficient funds to meet payroll in December and asked the Township to make their next contribution a month early. Samson/Schug **moved to approve early payment of the 2nd half of the 2006/2007 public safety budget.** **CARRIED**

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Art indicated that he had received some information from Fire Marshal Marty Myers concerning the Kalamazoo Regional Police & Fire Training Center agreement. He said that he is waiting to be convinced the Training Center is needed and that we can afford it. Art reiterated that any questions he asked should not be perceived as being against the training center proposal.
- b. Brenda read the Certificate of Appreciation that Fran is sending to Scout Jim Eberhard for the Eagle Scout project that he completed at Lawler Cemetery. Jim and his crew repaired the fence around the cemetery, removed some brush, fixed the gate and re-hung the sign. Charleston Township is most appreciative of his efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Clerk opened and read the demolition bids for the Blank property. Hiestand/Samson **moved to table action on the Blank demolition bids, but to take action within thirty days.** **CARRIED**
- b. Jeff Rood from Siegfried Crandall explained the township audit and answered questions. He indicated that the township was in good financial shape.
- c. Rick Clark, a local fireman, requested a fireworks storage permit from the township after he explained all the rules and regulations he has to adhere to under federal law to store fireworks. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve the fireworks storage permit and authorize the supervisor to sign the necessary documents.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell –

Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED

- d. Samson/Schug moved **to approve the revisions of the Household Hazardous Waste contract to \$1500 maximum and an 80/20 split with the county and to authorize the supervisor to sign it.** CARRIED
- e. Fran presented a public notice from the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study requesting comment on the draft Participation Plan. He also produced a summary of the Kalamazoo County Asset Management Inventory Project, which assesses the condition of the county roads.
- f. Fran indicated that there was a vacancy on the County Transportation Authority if anyone were interested in applying for it.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requesting input on the proposed Five-Year Transportation Program. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission sent a copy of the proposed 2007-2011 Primary Road Capital Improvement Plan. There was also some information from the Kalamazoo County Soil Erosion Program and the Michigan Municipal League offered a class entitled “Working Together for Organizational Success”.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$137,084.46, disbursements: \$273,881.14, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$6,256.10), General fund balance: \$85,153.73, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since October Board meeting \$27,317.93. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer’s report for November 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:

Every one agreed that the new chairs were more comfortable than the old ones.

MEMBERS TIME:

Brenda said that tax bills would go out next week. Nelson reported that the ZBA had approved the Hughes request for variances to build a new house on Climax Drive. Fran said that the township had \$1504.70 in PAR Funds that would be carried over to 2007 to chip seal a portion of North 38th Street.

Hiestand/Samson moved **to authorize the supervisor to sign the contract with the Road Commission to apply the leftover PAR Funds to the chip seal of a portion of North 38th Street.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Schug moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk