

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
February 27, 2007

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, Hiestand, Samson and Kramer. Brenda Schug arrived at 7:30 from Parents' Night at Galesburg-Augusta High School. Also in attendance: Larry A Bolhuis, Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Phyllis Rose, and Terry Walker.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to approve the agenda with the addition of e. Soft Water Service, f. Dixon Engineering Water Tower Inspection, g. MTA Training Session and h. Clean Earth Quote to New Business. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the January 23, 2007 regular meeting minutes with the addition of this sentence to the Planning Commission Report: They said they would support the Fire Training Facility if they were in a position to do so.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator report.
7. Art noted that at the February 20, 2007 Planning Commission meeting, the Commission discussed the advisability of proceeding with an Administrative Site Plan Review Ordinance. He indicated that the Commission would wait until all members are present before continuing the discussion. He also noted that there are no rules in place for when a site plan review is necessary.
8. After some discussion, Hiestand/Samson **moved to table action on the proposed fire department budget until questions about the hydrant rental item are answered.** CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve payment of the township's share of the latest FEMA grant not to exceed \$2000 and to authorize the Fire Board to administer the FEMA grant. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y, and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Kramer **moved to approve payment of the cost of registration for any member who wishes to attend the March 29th MTA training "The ABCs of ZBAs".** CARRIED
- b. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission has asked for a date for their annual township visit. Fran will attempt to schedule a meeting for 6:30 on April 24th, 2007 first and if that doesn't work, he will try for May.
- c. Fran noted that Household Hazardous Waste collection is up 17.3% from 2005 according to the Fourth Quarter Report.
- d. Schug/Samson **moved to support the Kalamazoo County Planning Department request for permission to post Charleston's tax maps on the Kalamazoo County website and to authorize the supervisor to sign the consent form.** CARRIED
- e. After some discussion Hiestand/Samson **moved to get a couple more quotes for a soft water**

system for the township hall. CARRIED

- f. Fran reminded the Board that a year had passed since the water tower inspection had been delayed for a year so he sought permission to proceed with that contract with Dixon Engineering. Samson/Schug **moved to approve the inspection and authorize the supervisor to sign the necessary documents.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson. CARRIED
- g. Hiestand/Kramer **moved to approve the payment of registration fees for board members who wish to attend the March 29th MTA training “Tune In To Michigan’s New Cable Franchising Law”.** CARRIED
- h. Samson/Hiestand **moved to table action on the upgrading of the hall soil pipe until we get at least one more quote.** CARRIED Liquids in the soil pipe to the septic tank froze solid last week for the second time in about five years. The Board wants to correct the problem so there is no more backup of water into the township hall.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented communications from Richland Township inviting interested persons to an open house for retiring supervisor, Dean Blanchard, a letter from Don & Ann Elzinga requesting a 30 foot apron at the entrance to North Pine Ayr from the Road Commission, and a letter from Lotta Jarnefelt of the County Planning Commission offering to swap flyovers for township parcel data.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts \$181,626.10, disbursements: \$341,121.67, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$9,057.32), General fund balance: \$59,653.62, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since January Board meeting \$5,311.30. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer’s report for February 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

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art distributed copies of the latest version of the Kalamazoo Regional Police & Fire Training Center contract for the Board to review at their leisure and he asked about what was happening with the Galesburg Speedway dispute. Fran indicated that he was waiting for a report from Captain Timmerman. Fran notified the Board of a budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk