

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
April 24, 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, Schug, Samson, Kramer and Hiestand. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Larry A. Bolhuis, Terry Walker and Phyllis Rose.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the March 27, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the April 3, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that the raw sewage on the corner of Michigan and McCollum was in the process of being taken care of.
7. Terry Seybert did not appear at the Planning Commission meeting on April 17, 2007, so the Planning Commission moved on to the administrative site plan review. The Commission has settled on what they want in the review. They differ from counsel in that they don't want a zoning official (AGS) to approve without township approval. Hiestand/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Nelson reviewed the Joint Fire Board Meeting minutes and answered questions. He reported that Ken Thoroughman had been appointed as the member-at-large to replace Roy Boomershine, who resigned from his position. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Saturday, May 12th was announced for the Spring Trash Drop Off.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand//Samson **moved to approve the assessor contract for one year at the rate of \$1000. per month and authorized the supervisor and clerk to sign the document.** CARRIED
- b. Fran indicated that he was still awaiting another bid on the driveway entrance and parking lot work. Samson/Hiestand **moved to table action on the selection of a contractor for the driveway entrance and parking lot work.** CARRIED
- c. Fran presented registration forms for free seminars with the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance and Foster Swift's Township Law Updates in case anyone was interested in attending.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted communications inviting interested people to the Kalamazoo River Trailway Kickoff held at the Arcadia Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo on Thursday, May 10, 2007 from 5 to 6 p.m. The Kalamazoo River Protection Association requested the donation of pertinent zoning language and a zoning map. Samson/Hiestand **moved to donate a copy of the zoning map and pertinent pages of the zoning ordinance to the Kalamazoo River Protection Association.** CARRIED Fran told residents to look for

the township newsletter in the mail and indicated that he was still waiting for a second bid to repair the fence surrounding the pump station on L Avenue which was damaged by an accident or vandalism. Hiestand/Samson **moved to authorize the supervisor to accept the lowest of the bids if the materials are the same.** CARRIED Fran also reported that the Wellhead Protection Grant Program was suspended by the State of Michigan. He expected that the program will be reinstated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$1,613.31, disbursements: \$0.00, transfers to savings from general fund: (\$1.86), General fund balance: \$186,507.86, Beginning balance was \$184,896.41, Received since March Board meeting \$1,613.31. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for April 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:

In anticipation of audience questions, Fran commented that the Road Commission was planning a Citizens Meeting for the second or third week in May for the 38th Street rebuild. Work on 38th Street should run from June 1 through August 31.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson reported on some things he learned at the ZBA training he attended in Lawrence. He also mentioned that one of the paper companies that own the landfill is now not so eager to sell the property. The Landfill property is listed with Prudential Realty. Linda commented on the problems that PA 480 has presented to the township and she recommended that township ordinances be updated to counter the problems. She also asked the Board if they wanted to continue the prepay arrangement that the township had with technical expert, Dave Lance of Micro/Lync Business Systems. Samson/Hiestand **moved to contract with Dave Lance for 10 hours of computer support at \$75 per hour.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk