

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
May 22, 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, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance: Garry Henson, Dennis Berkebile, Kent McCauley, John Byrnes, Jeffrie Maddox and an interested citizen.

The Township Board continued its discussion with Board of Road Commissioners of Kalamazoo County which began at 6:30 p.m. The boards discussed the 38th Street project, road funding, local road projects, increasing the Road Commission Board to five members and the Kalamazoo River Trailway Project.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Schug/Hiestand moved to approve the April 24, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the May 3, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning administrator's report.
7. Art noted that the Planning Commission discussed the administrative site plan review and earth removal operations. Hiestand/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Garry Henson explained the provisions of the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC) and offered his opinion that it would most likely have very little impact on our Fire Department in terms of providing our resources to other municipalities in an emergency. With his assurance, Hiestand/Samson **moved to adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact**. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Report for May. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After a review of the bids, Hiestand/Samson **moved to accept the bid from Clean Earth to replace the 4" main pipeline from the building to the septic tank and authorize the supervisor to renegotiate the quote if possible**. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson **moved to accept the bid from Michigan Paving to widen the driveway and authorize the supervisor to renegotiate the quote if possible**. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Hiestand **moved to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign the dust control contract with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for continuous application at 1350 gallons per mile on 3.67 miles that includes the .65 of a mile of South 36th Street which is Charleston's responsibility this year**. CARRIED
- b. Fran reminded the Board of the MTA's quarterly meeting at Richland Township on Wednesday, May 23rd. He encouraged Board members to attend as MTA's Legislative Liaison, David Bertram, will give the latest update on House bill 4780 and others that will almost eliminate township government.
- c. The Household Hazardous Waste Center reported an increase in participation of 3.3% for the first

quarter of 2007 in spite of the subfreezing temperatures and snow. They are expanding their facilities to accommodate the increase in business.

- d. Jose Escandon has indicated that he would like to start Phase II of his Rambling Trails development. The Planning Commission expects to meet with him in June.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reported that the MTA dues had risen minimally. He also presented communications from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission indicating township expenditures on roads and the township's mileage and population. He informed the Board of a Professional Education Seminar from Partnerships for Change on Inter-Jurisdictional Diplomacy – A Seminar for Land Use Planning and Community Development scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at a cost of \$50 per person. Hiestand/Schug **moved to approve attendance and payment of fees for anyone who wished to attend. CARRIED**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$29,447.16, disbursements: \$16,716.67, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3.78), General fund balance: \$197,623.12, Beginning balance was \$184,896.41, Received since April Board meeting \$27,820.79. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for May 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:

Nelson reported that the Spring Trash Drop-off went very well. Thanks go out to Ken Thoroughman, Jim Whitehead, Pat Reardon, Walt Kohnke and Nelson Hiestand for their help with the Drop-off. Linda said that the May 8 election had the lowest turnout in her memory – 179 voters. Brenda indicated that a sample meeting room table had been ordered and that we were going to get busy on the updated website. Art said that he expected to take up Rambling Trails Phase II at the next Planning Commission meeting. Fran passed out copies of the third draft of the residential waste reduction ordinance. He also reported that all the old tables and chairs had been sold.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. **CARRIED**

Linda Kramer, Clerk