

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
June 26, 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: Patsy Longfield, Phyllis Rose, Larry Bolhuis, Jeff Brinks and Randall & Sandra Wells.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10e. Board Resolution re: HB4780-4788 and 10f. Hydrant Use Permit – Hoffman Bros. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the May 22, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the June 5, 2007 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Zoning violation complaints have been submitted to AGS, but the Supervisor hasn't received a report yet.
7. Art noted three items that raised questions at the Planning Commission meeting. They included street lengths greater than the permitted 1000 feet, corner lots with two front yard and two side yard setbacks, and extension of the street lighting district. Schug/Hiestand moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Nelson stated that the Fire Board ended the fiscal year in the black. Art protested the decision of the Fire Board to allow fire trucks to park at Galesburg Speedway in case they are needed for the Fourth of July fireworks and the decision to stay out of the disagreement between the City of Galesburg and the Fire Department. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson **moved to agree to participate as a charter member of the Kalamazoo Regional Fire & Police Training Center contingent upon the City of Galesburg also agreeing to participate.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED
- b. The supervisor asked the Board to review the 4<sup>th</sup> draft of the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance.
- c. Linda indicated that the Board will proceed with discussions with General Code and Risk & Records Management concerning digitizing the township records.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. After some discussion among the Board members, Kramer/Schug **moved to approve Step 1 of Phase II of the Rambling Trails plat and to grant a variance to the 1000 foot street length requirement for this phase and all future phases as long as they conform to the original approved Master Plan and with the provision that all lots must meet minimum zoning requirements.** CARRIED
- b. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve the issuance of fireworks permits for Norm Zomer, Vernon Eldridge, and Beth Anne Tanksley for July 4, 2007 or a rain date pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees and approval of the Fire Chief.** CARRIED  
Hiestand/Schug **moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for Galesburg Speedway for July 4, 2007 pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees and approval**

- of the Fire Chief.** CARRIED with Samson in opposition.
- c. Fran reminded the Board that, if anyone was interested in attending MTA's Summer Evening Zoning Workshop, the last day for early registration is July 10, 2007. Hiestand/Samson **moved to approve attendance and the payment of fees for anyone who wished to attend.** CARRIED
  - d. Fran explained the latest Target tax appeal and indicated that he was awaiting information from Attorney Thall and the Kalamazoo County Equalization Department.
  - e. Hiestand/Samson **moved to adopt a resolution opposing HB 4780-4788 and asked the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to do the same.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y, Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y, and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
  - f. Hiestand/Kramer **moved to approve a permit with a \$250 fee providing access to the township water system for the 38<sup>th</sup> Street project for a term not to exceed July 31, 2007.** CARRIED

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran distributed communications concerning the Mid-Year Methamphetamine Program Summary Report and tax map information for the Board to peruse.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$38,016.97, disbursements: \$46,401.33, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3,298.22), General fund balance: \$173,213.83, Beginning balance was \$186,896.41, Received since May Board meeting \$10,810.48. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for June 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 but hold Check # 10631 (Allied Waste) until the issue of the metal waste is resolved. CARRIED

#### CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

#### MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson said that he attended the bus races at Galesburg Speedway, that security did a good job there and he didn't notice excessive drinking. Linda presented a quote from AT&T to replace Climax Telephone as the township's phone service provider. The bid was rejected.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk