

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
July 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, Samson, Schug, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance were Phyllis Rose, Dennis Ward and Ian Jennings.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

There was a motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED  
Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the June 26, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED  
Samson/Schug moved to approve the July 17, 2007 special meeting minutes.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report.
7. Art Samson, the Planning Commission Chairman, said that there was no Planning Commission meeting in July. He presented the Administrative Site Plan Review Amendment and the Earth Removal Hours of Operation Amendment recommended by the Planning Commission. Hiestand/Schug **moved to forward the Administrative Site Plan Review Amendment to the zoning administrator for review. If it meets with his approval, it should be sent to the Township Attorney.** CARRIED Hiestand/Bell then **moved to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and send the changes to the Township Attorney with instructions that we want to combine the two amendments for the purpose of having one Public Hearing.** CARRIED
8. After a brief report by Nelson, Samson/Schug moved to receive the joint fire board report. CARRIED Fran said that he would like a report on cost recovery for the past year. He also wanted to know if we bill Consumers Energy for fire department response to downed wires and blown transformers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran explained that he was waiting for more information concerning a comparison of the Target facility with a similar Wal-Mart facility near Coldwater and information about an appraisal that Target says they have in draft form. Samson/Hiestand **moved to leave the Target Tax Appeal item on the table until we get the information we're waiting for.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson **moved to approve payment of registration fees for anyone who wants to attend MTA's Financial Double Feature on August 29 at the Fetzer Center.**

**CARRIED**

- b. Fran presented the Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plans for Board approval. If no action is taken on the plan, the state considers this passive approval. No action was taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Fran submitted a Methamphetamine Quarterly Report from the County's Department of Health and Community Services and a check from Sturgis Iron & Metal for all the metal collected at the Spring Trash Drop Off. He noted how late the check was in arriving and the effort he had to expend to collect the money.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Year to Date receipts: \$69,159.41, disbursements: \$71,963.16, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3,301.95), General fund balance: \$178,790.71, Beginning balance was \$184,896.41, Received since June Board meeting \$31,142.44. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July 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**

**CITIZENS' TIME:**

Ian Jennings, who bought Don & Ann Elzinga's house on Pine Ayr, introduced himself and asked a few questions about Board procedure. Dennis Ward asked about Target coming back with another tax appeal for 2007 after we just settled an agreement with them for 2004, 2005 and 2006.

**MEMBERS TIME:**

Nelson asked about the status of the new tables for the meeting room. Brenda indicated that changes by the state to tax policy will impact the township as well as the school districts. Art asked about plat road policy. Fran reported that he had bought rust-inhibiting paint for the fire hydrants and that the Collaborative Youth Program will paint the hydrants as a community service.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Hiestand/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. **CARRIED**

Linda Kramer, Clerk