

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
August 28, 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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Wally Kipp, David Anderson, David Artley and Pat Longfield.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

A motion was made by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the July 24, 2007 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report this month
7. No Planning Commission meeting this month.
8. Nelson explained the use of the Vactor trailer in helping to extinguish an electrical fire. Use of the machine enabled the homeowners to stay in their home the night of the fire. The Board was told that Consumers Energy will reimburse the Fire Board for work done by the Fire Department to cut and remove trees and provide protection to citizens from downed power lines if it is part of the applicable ordinance. Fran will check the ordinance so it can be revised if necessary. Kramer/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran asked if there were any questions about the Waste Reduction Ordinance. Art had a couple of questions that he will discuss with Fran at a later date.
- b. Fran presented an update of the Galesburg Speedway situation and indicated that he hoped to resolve the problem once and for all.
- c. The Board reviewed three bids to reseal the parking lot. Hiestand/Schug **moved to accept the low bid by J. Allen & Company, contingent upon satisfactory answers to some questions by the supervisor.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. David Anderson and David Artley made a presentation outlining a program called the Local Housing Assistance Fund (LHAF) and how it works to support the homeless in their quest for affordable housing. The gentlemen explained the similarities between LHAF and Habitat for Humanity and the uniqueness of the program among homeless housing projects around the country.
- b. Lt. Wally Kipp made his presentation on service calls in Charleston Township by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department. The total number of service calls is up for the first six months of this year.
- c. Samson/Hiestand **moved to adopt the resolution regarding 9-1-1 funding suggested by the Kalamazoo County Board of Township Supervisors.** CARRIED The resolution urges the County to review their funding mechanism, increase fees as necessary, and only return to the local units of government for funding if funding under Act 32 is not sufficient.
- d. Fran distributed copies of the Kalamazoo County Sanitary Code with proposed changes for the Board to review.

- e. Since the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners increased the membership of the Kalamazoo County Road Commission from three to five, applicants are being sought for the two additional seats.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran had letters of information from Household Hazardous Waste reporting record amounts of waste disposed of, and Southwest Michigan First inviting Charleston to their annual Football Fest. There was also the long-range plan from the Michigan Department of Transportation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$69,845.07, disbursements: \$114,412.94, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$3,303.94), General fund balance: \$142,203.89, Beginning balance was \$184,896.41, Received since July Board meeting \$5179.29. Hiestand/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for August 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:

Patsy Longfield inquired about Galesburg Speedway and was told that the muffler situation hadn't been resolved, nor the runovers. Fran expected that the issues would be resolved in court.

MEMBERS TIME:

Fran explained his frustration with Allied Waste, who has not picked up the hall recycling in six weeks. Brenda asked if the Board wanted to put Township tax information online through a link to the township website. She explained that people requesting information online would be billed by BS&A, the software tax package provider. Hiestand/Samson **moved to put the tax information online and use option A.** Carried Art noted that there was a version of a site plan review in the tower ordinance.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Samson moved to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk