

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
January 22, 2008

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, Hiestand, Samson, Schug and Kramer. Also in attendance: Larry A. Bolhuis, Phyllis Rose, Pat Longfield, Gary Allen, Garry Henson, Larry Leach, Dennis Ward, Don & Ann Elzinga, and Bill Timmerman.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Schug/Samson to approve the agenda with the addition of d. Resolution to Modify Pension Plan under New Business. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the December 19, 2006 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report.
7. There was no January Planning Commission meeting. Art reported that he expected to receive the third and final copy of the Fire Training Agreement shortly and he asked the opinion of Fire Chief Garry Henson of the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department and Fire Chief Larry Leach of the Climax Fire Department.
8. Nelson apologized for not having a Fire Board budget to present to the Board. Fran reminded him that the budget is due by February 1. Nelson and Fran agreed there was a communication problem and Nelson said that the budget would be available for the February meeting. He reviewed the fire reports for December and January and presented a proposed initial aid agreement between Galesburg-Charleston and Climax for discussion. Garry Henson and Larry Leach answered Board questions and Gary Allen voiced a couple of objections. Samson/Hiestand moved **to accept the initial aid agreement as presented**. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved **to receive the fire report**. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After a brief review Samson/Schug moved **to accept the revised fee schedule as presented** CARRIED
- b. Hiestand/Kramer moved **to make the appropriate adjustments as recommended by the Treasurer to the budget including a transfer of \$7650 from contingency to contractual services for the Blank demolition, \$6000 from Computer Software to Legal, and \$3500 from Roads to cover \$316 in Election Salaries, \$68 in Election Printing & Publishing, \$10 in Audit, \$50 in Tax Roll Supplies, \$75 in Cleaning Supplies, \$1,861 in Miscellaneous Building & Equipment Maintenance, \$1,000 in Lawn & Grounds, and \$20 in Toad Hollow Cemetery**. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Captain Bill Timmerman presented reports of Sheriff Department activities in the Township and showed the Board some of the capabilities of new reporting equipment that prints out maps that pinpoint where various calls have been made.

- b. Hiestand/Samson moved **to approve the funding of registration fees for Jim Whitehead and Nancy Murray to attend Advanced Board of Review Training.** CARRIED
- c. Hiestand/Samson moved **to adopt the Walk for Warmth Resolution.** CARRIED
- d. Linda presented a request from a pension participant for a modification to the pension plan that would change the normal retirement age from 65 to 55. Hiestand/Schug moved **to adopt the resolution as presented.** CARRIED Fran suggested that the Board invite Duane Doty to visit the township to review the pension plan and answer questions.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented some information from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and reported that \$19,000 in PAR Funds would be available to the township this year. He also reported on the letter that he sent to the River Protection Association as requested.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$176,274.80, disbursements: \$307,865.38, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$6,259.95), General fund balance: \$90,355.98, Beginning balance was \$228,206.51, Received since December Board meeting \$37,678.76. Hiestand /Kramer moved **to accept the Treasurer's report for January 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:

Don Elzinga inquired about the 38th Street rebuild meeting and wondered if the Board would approach the Road Commission about including a 30-foot apron at the entrance to North Pineayr. Patsy Longfield thanked Fran for following up on a building permit.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson detailed his participation in the Poverty Reduction Initiative. Fran gave Phyllis Rose a copy of Attorney Rolfe's reply to Scott Wiebe's December inquiry about refunding attorney fees for the Lakeview Meadows case. He also mentioned that a replacement library representative for Lawrence Memorial Library is needed as Janice Crow is having health problems.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved **to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.** CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Township Clerk