

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
March 25, 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, Schug, Hiestand, Samson and Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Larry A. Bolhuis, Dan Mondrella, Ernest Engelhardt, Rick Schuemann, and Brian Slighly.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with the addition of 9b. Wellhead Grant CARRIED
Schug/Samson moved to approve the February 26, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED
Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the February 28, 200 special meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED Hiestand/ Schug moved to approve the January 22, 2008 closed meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

6. No zoning administrator's report.
7. Art reported that Planning Commission members recommended approval of the Centennial Wireless Special Exception Use to the Township Board and the PC approved the Site Plan review. Some things coming up include an Eaton construction project, a new pavilion at Coldbrook Park, and a cell tower on Vosburg property on Mercury Drive. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Nelson said that the Fire Board had received the second half of the City of Galesburg's annual contribution. He also presented an invoice that Fire Chief Garry Henson was unable to collect from Equity Transportation Company. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: Centennial Wireless Request

Samson/Hiestand moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED
Dan Mondrella gave a brief explanation of the request and the need for a tower in that area. He also said that the Village of Augusta did not want the tower attached to Augusta's water tank. Art noted that the Planning Commission was not obligated to approve the Special Exception Use and the Site Plan Review just because the ZBA had approved the variance. Fran indicated that there were two disagreements with the request from Centennial. One was from Brendan Ragotzy of the Barn Theatre and the other from Pat Smith of Smith Grinding in Augusta. They both objected to the tower being at an entrance to the Village of Augusta for esthetic reasons. There were no other comments from the public. Schug/Hiestand moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting at 7:27. CARRIED Art noted that the information submitted by Centennial was administratively complete and that the PC has authority to make an advisory recommendation to the Township Board with respect to special exception use applications in Article XXIII Section 23.2 of the ordinance. Art explained to the Board that he led the commission through a review of Article XXIII Section 23.7 Specific Standards Required of Particular Special Exception Uses, Subsection 4 Communication Tower/Antenna, Items d. and e. and he also led a review of Article XXIII Section 23.3 Criteria for Decision that indicated compliance with the ordinance.
Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the Centennial Wireless/Fortune Wireless request for a Special

Exception Use Permit to locate a wireless telecommunications facility – tower and ground equipment – on a 75' x 75' parcel at 13740 West M-96, Augusta. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Samson/Schug moved **to contact the attorney to schedule a Public Hearing to reduce current Planning Commission members from 9 to 7.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED
- b. Hiestand/Samson moved **to authorize the supervisor to go forward with the application for the Wellhead Protection Grant.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. See the attachments for the motion regarding contract services and a list of those services and payroll changes based on the 2008/2009 budget.
- b. Hiestand/Schug moved **to adopt the 2008/2009 Meeting Schedules for the Township Board and the Planning Commission.** CARRIED
- c. Hiestand/Schug moved **to authorize the supervisor to select the low bidder for the Spring Trash Drop Off.** CARRIED The Board is also considering a Tire Drop Off.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2008/2009 BUDGET

At 7:45 p.m. Hiestand/Schug moved to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing to take public comment on the proposed 2008/2009 budgets. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED

The Supervisor gave an overview of the General Budget, the Public Safety Budget and the Sewer & Water Budget. There were no public comments. At 8:10 p.m. Hiestand/Samson moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. CARRIED (See attachments.)

- d. Fran reviewed the contract agreement with Kalamazoo County that provides for licensing of waste haulers by the County in exchange for an annual fee equally divided among the participating local units. Hiestand/Samson moved **to adopt the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance Intergovernmental Contract agreement and authorize the Supervisor and the Clerk to sign it.** CARRIED
- e. After reviewing the sample resolutions offered by the state and having discussed the matter with representatives of the Galesburg Memorial Library at a special meeting held on February 28, 2008, Hiestand/Bell moved **to adopt a resolution to agree to participate in forming a District Library Planning Committee to develop a District Library Agreement.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- f. Representatives from Tichenor Inc. and Sherriff-Goslin Co. explained their bids for re-roofing the township hall and answered questions from the Board. Schug/Hiestand moved **to table action on the re-roofing for thirty days.** CARRIED
- g. Fran expressed an interest in attending a workshop on new procedures and changes in the in the Economic Development program areas of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Hiestand/Schug moved **to approve the payment of fees to attend the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA) program.** CARRIED
- h. Hiestand/Schug moved **to approve the Cable Access Center 2008-2009 Budget.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

Fran said that the Sea Horse Triathlon has been scheduled at Cold Brook County Park on Sunday, June 1, 2008. The Kalamazoo County Department of Planning & Community Development has proposed a name

change for the Infrastructure Fund Program. The program is proposed to be called the Economic Development Fund. In response to an invitation from the Galesburg City Council to meet with them in a Joint Session to be held on the 7th day of April, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., the Board agreed to meet with the Council to discuss Fire Board business.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$324,108.13, disbursements: \$256,968.51, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$10,503.11), General fund balance: \$241,532.92, Beginning balance was \$184,896.41, Received since February Board meeting \$157,558.06. Hiestand/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for March 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

There were no comments.

MEMBERS TIME

Linda reminded the Board that Nelson's appointment as fence-viewer was due to expire. Schug/Samson **moved to reappoint Nelson Hiestand to the position of fence-viewer for a term of three years expiring March 31, 2011.**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk