

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
April 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, Schug, Samson, Kramer and Hiestand. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Larry A. Bolhuis, Gary Moline, Lotta Jarnefelt, Scott Grinder, Judy Sivak and Phyllis Rose.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the March 25, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the April 7, 2008 Joint meeting with the City of Galesburg. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the April 17, 2008 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that the pit booth at Galesburg Speedway had been removed and that he expected to have a report on ordinance violations next month.
7. Art described the changes that Eaton Corporation wants to make to their property including a 3<sup>rd</sup> story and additional parking. He reported that the new administrative site plan review had been used for the temporary trailers at Eaton and will be used for the replacement Coldbrook pavilion. Hiestand/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Nelson reviewed the Joint Fire Board Meeting minutes and answered questions. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After a review of the resolution reducing the planning commission from nine to seven members, Samson/Hiestand **moved to adopt the resolution as presented and authorized the clerk to sign it.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- b. After some discussion of the bids Hiestand/Samson **moved to award the roofing contract to Tichenor Inc. for Option B which includes old roof tear off, Ice Shield, ridge vent and Certain Teed Landmark 30 AR shingles with Fran having discretion to bargain for the soffit sleeves.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson –Y. CARRIED
- c. Scott Grinder presented his plan for placing stainless steel markers on all the unmarked graves in the township cemeteries. Hiestand/Schug moved to give Scott Grinder and Cemeteries on the Web a letter of authorization to access township cemeteries and place markers on unmarked graves. Art and Fran raised questions about insurance and liability and were interested in seeing the authorization that Scott has received from the City of Portage. Nelson and Brenda withdrew their motion. Samson/Hiestand **moved to table action on the request pending receipt of further information from Scott Grinder.** CARRIED
- d. Lotta Jarnefelt of the Kalamazoo County Department of Planning & Community Development explained points of the resolution to allow Kalamazoo County access to existing geographic information systems (GIS) data. She answered questions and confirmed that the township owns the data and Prein & Newhouse houses the data. The township will be entitled to fees from sales of the information. Hiestand/Schug **moved to adopt the resolution to allow Kalamazoo**

**County access to existing geographic information systems (GIS) data.** Roll Call Vote: Schug – Y; Samson – Y; Kramer – Y; Hiestand – Y; and Bell – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Judy Sivak of the Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging made a presentation to the Board on the services that are available to township residents and left information at the township hall for those who might be interested.
- b. Gary Moline of Aggregate Resources, Inc. came before the Board to notify the township of the approximated dates and times for night work from MDOT subcontractors per the December 2007 request. Hiestand/Samson **moved to approve the extension of hours beginning May 1, 2008 based on the needs of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).** CARRIED
- c. After a review of the details, Schug/Hiestand **moved to approve the request by Mark Miskerik to hold Mini-Hydroplane races on Eagle Lake in Fort Custer State Recreation Area on June 21 and 22, 2008.** CARRIED
- d. After some discussion, Bell/Hiestand **moved to adopt \$150 fee for an administrative site plan review.** CARRIED
- e. Jan Vosburg had requested township consent to allow a communications tower on his property that is in PA 116. He then discovered that township consent wasn't needed so the request was withdrawn.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran announced the dates for the Spring Trash Drop Off (May 10) and the Tire Drop Off (May 17), a date of May 15 for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Safe, Sound and Secure Conference to be held at 3<sup>rd</sup> Reformed Church, and the cancellation of the Citizen Planner Program with an anticipated rescheduling this coming winter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$5,574.89, disbursements: \$0.00, transfers to savings from general fund: (\$1.93), General fund balance: \$225,227.74, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since March Board meeting \$5,574.89. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for April as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Schug/Hiestand moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art mentioned that Eaton Corporation was interested in wind powered generators and he thought that perhaps the Planning Commission should consider a wind powered generators ordinance as well as an outdoor furnace ordinance. Linda explained the need for faster internet service in the office. Nelson and Fran spoke about the Tire Drop Off costs and storage of the tires until they are transported to White Pigeon.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk