

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
July 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, Samson, Schug, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance were Phyllis Rose, Patsy Longfield, Julie Phillips, and Larry A. Bolhuis

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 24, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED
Samson/Schug moved to approve the July 8, 2008 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.
8. After a brief report by Nelson, Samson/Schug moved to receive the joint fire board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Board discussed the unexpectedly large invoice from Layne-Northern for repair and cleaning of the south well. Apparently, once they started checking the well, they found more problems than had been anticipated. Art commented that the invoice was difficult to understand and suggested that Layne-Northern might consider listing first those tasks that they initially were supposed to complete and then list the additional tasks and costs that they encountered as they got into the project.
- b. Due to some administrative issues between the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and the State, Jeff Brinks, representing the Rambling Trails project, asked the Board to re-approve both Step I and Step II Preliminary Plat approvals that were granted previously. Hiestand/Samson **moved to approve Step I of Phase II of the Rambling Trails plat and to grant a variance to the 1000 foot street length requirement for this phase and all future phases as long as they conform to the original approved Master Plan and with the provision that all lots must meet minimum zoning requirements (June 26, 2007) and to approve Step 2 of Phase II of the Rambling Trails Development with the provision of all necessary documents (May 27, 2008).** CARRIED
- c. Hiestand/Kramer **moved to adopt the Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission met with the Board at 6:30 to update them on local road improvements and to answer questions.

- b. After an explanation by Supervisor Bell, Hiestand/Schug **moved to amend the resolution adopting a hydrant use permit to include a user fee that charges \$4 per thousand gallons of water.** CARRIED
- c. Regarding the latest Target tax appeal, Fran indicated that he had sent out three Requests for Qualifications for outside appraisers and had received two responses.
- d. The Board reviewed maps sent by the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study showing the Federal Aid Road Network and the Federal Urban Boundary for our part of Kalamazoo County. There is funding available, but it is limited.
- e. Hiestand/Schug **moved to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund and to transfer \$22,365.61 from the Tax account portion of the General Fund to the Propane Account in the amount of \$2,682, the Drains account in the amount of \$1,278 and \$18,405.61 to the Water Fund to cover budget adjustments.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted notices from the Fire Training Facility about a grand opening on Thursday, August 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., the Health Department concerning the cleanup of a meth lab located in Andrews Estates Mobile Home Park, and the American Red Cross publicizing what they do and requesting feedback about their programs and services.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$138,227.80, disbursements: \$185,174.04, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$15,307.04), General fund balance: \$157,401.50, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since June Board meeting \$25,118.31. Samson/Hiestand moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZENS' TIME:

Julie Phillips, a candidate for district judge, introduced herself and asked for the votes of those present.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson asked about the 9-1-1 invoice from the County. Linda asked the Board to adopt a receiving board resolution. Samson/Hiestand **moved to adopt the receiving board resolution as presented.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Brenda displayed checks from Equity Transportation that covered expenses incurred in an accident attended by the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department last year and legal costs incurred by the township in its attempt to get Equity to honor its debts. Samson/Hiestand **moved to give the attorney general authority from the Board to proceed with contempt charges against Galesburg Speedway.** CARRIED The Speedway was given Board approval to restore the chain link fence that runs north to south on the north end of the track.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk