

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
August 26, 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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Larry Bolhuis, Phyllis Rose, Patrick Krause, Pat Longfield, and an Eagle Scout and his mother from Richland Township.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

A motion was made by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the July 22, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the August 14, 2008 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand/Schug moved to approve the August 14, 2008 closed 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 that Ken Thoroughman was now acting as Secretary/Treasurer for the Fire Board. Minutes of the August 20 meeting were not yet available. Nelson expressed concern for the extraordinary number of service calls made in the month of July – 20 each in Galesburg and Charleston.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reminded the Board of the Kalamazoo Regional Training Center Grand Opening scheduled for August 28.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Pat Krause, the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner, explained his revisions to the office since he was appointed a year ago, including hiring an experienced assistant, Jeff Van Bell.
- b. Fran reviewed the progress of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) fire study begun by Fire Chief Garry Henson. The result of the study has the potential to lower insurance rates for residents of Charleston Township and the City of Galesburg.
- c. Hiestand/Schug **moved to approve the extension of hours for Michigan Paving Company beginning August 26, 2008 at midnight based on the needs of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).** CARRIED
- d. Fran referenced an article in the August issue of the Michigan Township News regarding liquor licensing and township responsibilities. The article also talked about liquor inspection requirements and fees. Samson/Kramer **moved to get additional information about liquor inspections from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran had Health & Community Services Department letters of information from Household Hazardous

Waste reporting record amounts of collected waste and medications, the quarterly report of the methamphetamine cleanup program, new phone numbers for the Environmental Health Response program, and a quarterly report on the Lead Program for rental properties.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$164,858.22, disbursements: \$249,338.09, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$15,312.99), General fund balance: \$119,861.92, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since July Board meeting \$2,832.57. Hiestand/Samson 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:

There were no comments or questions.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson asked about including Ohio Drilling in the bidding process the next time extensive work on the township wells is required. Nelson was concerned about the larger than expected cost for cleaning and repair of one of the wells last month. The Board agreed with Linda to pay Ben Holtz to periodically dispose of cemetery decorations. Art commented that the Ordinance Enforcement Seminar he attended provided him with a lot of information. Fran and Art plan on attending the Fall District Meeting sponsored by MTA in September. Fran explained how the Board was proceeding through the township attorney to contact all the other affected taxing units regarding an appraisal of the Target property in an attempt to resolve the latest tax appeal.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk