

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
September 23, 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. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Michael Liepman, Don Davis, and John Plotnik.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with Item b under Old Business moved to the end of New Business because the item includes a closed meeting. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the August 26, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No report.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in September.
8. Nelson reported a donation of \$1200 from Eaton Corporation to pay for safety vests and safety cones now required by Federal law. The Board expressed its gratitude to Don Davis of Eaton's for the contribution. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

EATON REQUEST FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

Don Davis of Eaton's reviewed the request for the board. He indicated that Eaton's was adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> story to the middle of the building that was valued at \$3.7 million and personal property valued at \$435,000. The 650 current jobs would be retained and another 15 added. John Plotnik from Southwest Michigan First expressed support for the request. There were no comments from other taxing units. Additional verbiage included in the agreement was known to all board members. Samson/Schug **moved to adopt the resolution pertaining to the August 7, 2008 Application of Eaton Corporation for New Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and to authorize the clerk to sign it.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED The clerk will send the agreement to the State Treasury Department.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran updated the Board on the Liquor License Inspection process. He indicated that the money involved was not worth the effort.
- b. Fran said that he had received a report from the water tower operators and was awaiting the report from the Fire Department to be submitted to ISO Fire Service in hopes of getting a better fire insurance rating.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Kramer **moved to adopt the resolution to continue authority of the Township Board over Master Plans/Amendments under the new Michigan Planning Enabling Act.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- b. The Board reviewed the six month budget comparison. Linda explained the need for two budget

adjustments - \$20 in the Cemetery Fees account and \$500 in the newly established Cemetery Lot Buyback account.

- c. After reviewing the bids, Hiestand/Samson **moved to accept the Allied Waste bid for the Fall Trash Drop Off with the stipulation that we get the money for the metal scrap and they provide the container for a date still to be determined.** CARRIED
- d. Fran reported that MTA was sponsoring an evening workshop called Practical Application of Michigan's Enabling Acts if anyone was interested in attending. The early bird deadline is September 30, 2008.

Hiestand/Schug moved to recess the regular meeting and go into closed session at 8:10 to discuss the Target Tax Appeal. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Discussed the Target tax appeal. Hiestand/Samson moved to return to the regular session at 9:12.

CARRIED Hiestand/Samson **moved that there was board consensus to authorize the supervisor to continue to pursue appraisal information pursuant to the discussion in closed session.** CARRIED

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information concerning presentations by the Red Cross on what they do and their operation.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$196,951.96, disbursements: \$285,802.50, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$15,318.20), General fund balance: \$115,486.04, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since August Board meeting \$32,093.74. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September 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:

No comments.

#### MEMBERS TIME:

No comments

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Schug moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk