

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
October 28, 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, Kramer, Hiestand, Schug and Samson. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Pat Longfield, Don Balkema, and Jase Bolger

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of 9a. Target Tax Appeal under Old Business. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the September 23, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the September 23, 2008 Closed Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the October 14, 2008 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand abstained. Kramer/Schug moved to approve the October 14, 2008 Closed Meeting Minutes as presented. CARRIED Hiestand abstained.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report.
7. There was no Planning Commission Meeting in October, but Art expected to have a Planning Commission meeting in November to get started on the subject of wind generation.
8. There was a question of whether the funds for the fire training facility were added back to the Fire Board budget for 2008/2009. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Kramer/Schug **moved to authorize the Township Attorney to inform the Target attorney of the intention of the Township Board to accept the presently pending settlement proposal for the 2008 tax year, and to formally approve such resolution of the matter pursuant to a proposed consent order to be provided by the Target attorney.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Hiestand/Samson **moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the 2008 Household Hazardous Waste Agreement with a \$1500 maximum and \$366 to support general operating costs of the HHW Center.** CARRIED
- b. Samson/Schug **moved to approve attendance and the payment of fees for any new official who wishes to attend MTA's New Officials Training.** CARRIED Hiestand/Schug **moved to approve attendance by Planning Commission members at Michigan Extension's Wind Energy Conference.** CARRIED There will be a Traffic Safety Conference for township officials at the Road Commission offices on December 4, 2008.
- c. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve extension of the Metro Act Right of Way Permit for AT&T for a term to end on December 31, 2010.** CARRIED
- d. Fran offered information on the United Way Annual Fund Drive to anyone who was interested.

- e. Fran indicated that there is a need for alternates for the Board of Review and asked that board members try to think of potential candidates.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran reviewed the Kalamazoo County Environmental Health Advisory Council September 10, 2008 minutes. He commented in reference to outdoor wood boilers that the township can't govern air quality issues. Ohio Drilling Company submitted references in hopes of obtaining the township's water tower maintenance business. Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services submitted a report on the businesses that obtained waste reduction license applications. Fran also distributed information from Art Samson concerning the Galesburg Speedway sound system and fencing.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$213,806.79, disbursements: \$302,220.52, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$3,569.64), General fund balance: \$127,671.41, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since September Board meeting \$2911.01. Samson/Heisted moved to accept the Treasurer's report for October 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:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Nelson commented that the Fall Trash Drop Off was very successful. Linda mentioned that there will be an election on November 4, 2008. Fran presented Nelson with a Certificate of Appreciation for his service on the Township Board for the last four years. The Board expressed appreciation for all the work Nelson had done on the Fire Board and the Trash Drop Offs as well as his service on the board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Hiestand/Schug moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk