

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
November 25, 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, Balkema and Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Greg Finnila and Dennis Ward.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Schug moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the October 28, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran submitted two reports from AGS concerning actions taken to bring a couple of residents into compliance with the Junk/Refuse ordinance.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in November. Art said that there would be a Planning Commission meeting on December 9, 2008.
8. Don presented the fire report and answered questions. He said that the Fire Department raised \$4000 from its Haunted House, the bill for damage to gearing on the ladder truck will be almost entirely covered by insurance and that the audit revealed that 1. Capital assets are not recorded properly, 2. There is inconsistent document retention and document location and 3. The fire fighters' gross pay is not checked against fire runs for completeness and accuracy. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Schug/Kramer moved **to appoint Chris Balkema to the position of alternate for the Board of Review and to approve his attendance at training.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Greg Finnila, area manager for Michigan Paving & Materials explained the need for extended hours of operation and answered board questions. Balkema/Schug moved **to approve the request for extended hours of operation with a start date of May 4, 2009 and a completion date of August 28, 2009.** CARRIED
- b. Samson/Schug moved **to appoint Don Balkema as Board Representative to the Fire Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Landfill Committee.** CARRIED
- c. Fran informed the Board that FEMA has scheduled a Community Officials' meeting for Monday, December 1, 2009 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kalamazoo Township Hall to discuss the use of the new data, NFIP participation and the timetable for the new maps to become effective. An Open House for the public will follow from 4 to 7 p.m.
- d. Fran submitted a letter from township attorney, Craig Rolfe, concerning the implementation of Federal "Red Flag" rules. Attorney Rolfe indicated that the rules apply to Charleston because the township has utility customers (Target & Eaton). The deadline for a policy and implementation has been extended to May 1, 2009.

- e. Fran presented a letter from the Augusta Department of Public Works explaining air lock problems with the pumps that inject chlorine into the water at the township water tower. They requested some replacement pumps. Samson/Schug moved **to authorize the purchase and installation of two Stenner peristaltic metering pumps at a cost of \$476 per pump.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information from The Laurels of Galesburg concerning a Senior Coffee Hour they are sponsoring at the Koffee Klutch to discuss winter safety on November 26th from 8-9 a.m., and MTA information concerning a potential constitutional amendment to change the way property taxes are calculated in years where the value of the property is declining. He also submitted a newspaper article about the business-school alliance in which Eaton Corporation is involved. Household Hazardous Waste reported participation for the 3rd quarter was up 9% and response to the second Medications Collection doubled. There were also Meth and Lead Program reports from County Health & Community Services, a Road Patrol report and a letter from Wightman & Associates concerning funding for road repair in Michigan.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$243,555.85, disbursements: \$330,996.79, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$9,972.70), General fund balance: \$122,241.14, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since October Board meeting \$29,749.06. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for November 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

CITIZEN TIME:

Phyllis Rose wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art asked about the status of the water softener plan. Linda reported that Charleston had a total of 1,095 voters in the Presidential election which was 75.15% of the total voters in the township. Being the new trustee on the township board, Don asked when the December meeting would be held. He was told it would be December 16th at 7:00 p.m. Fran said that a court date of December 30, 2008 had been set for a hearing concerning Galesburg Speedway. Brenda reported that the new cemetery signs for Toad Hollow and Lawler (Territorial) had arrived and would be installed probably in the spring.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk