

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
December 16, 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, Balkema, Samson and Kramer. Also in attendance: Lt. Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10e. Proposed Stimulus Package under New Business. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the November 25, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND ASSESSORS REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's report
7. Art Samson said that the Planning Commission discussed a Wind Turbine Ordinance. Four members of the Planning Commission including Art attended a Wind Energy Seminar in Grand Rapids. Art indicated that a lot of useful information was presented. In January the Planning Commission will discuss the Michigan Planning and Enabling Act, the Planning Commission Ordinance and the Planning Commission By-Laws. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. There was no Fire Report for December, as the Fire Board will meet on December 17, 2008.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reported on the particulars of the FEMA Floodplain meeting he attended and explained what the township had to do to be in compliance.
- b. Fran said that the Township Board would hold a special meeting on December 18, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. to hear the plans of the District Library Planning Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Balkema/Samson **moved to reappoint Linda Locey as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Arthur Pursel and Jim Whitehead to the Board of Review, and Joan Orman, Philip Larson and Walt Kohnke to the Planning Commission for their respective terms.** CARRIED
- b. Lt. Wally Kipp made his quarterly report to the Township Board. The township has 1.4% of the total Sheriff's Department service calls for the eleven months ending November 30, 2008, a total of 626 calls.
- c. Fran presented information from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission on the cost of rebuilding L Avenue from 38th Street to 3,700 feet east of 38th Street. KCRC recommended rebuilding L Avenue because of the continuous need to repair it. The total estimated cost was \$133,407.50 and would probably be a two year project. The Board will make a decision on what to do before the next fiscal year.
- d. Fran reported that he and Art found the information presented at the Michigan Tech Traffic Safety Meeting that they attended to be useful.

- e. Fran presented information from Fleis & Vandenbrink concerning some potential large funding opportunities through a massive Public Works bill being considered for next year. Fleis & Vandenbrink is recommending that municipalities begin planning now in order to increase the chances of receiving funding. Balkema/Schug **moved to support pursuing grant money.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran said that he had received the maintenance agreement proposal which will provide for the inspection of the cathodic protection corrosion control equipment in the water tower. The fee has increased this year to \$600. Kalamazoo County Animal Services & Enforcement will no longer respond to complaints of barking dogs. They are returning that service to the municipalities. The Drug Treatment Court Foundation is looking for funding and support. Fran indicated that, since the Federal and State governments regulate air quality, he doesn't think that local regulation of Outdoor Wood Burners (OWB) is worthwhile. He also distributed information from Attorney Craig Rolfe concerning the proposed Planning Commission Ordinance that the Board will consider in January.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$245,555.85, disbursements: \$371,462.38, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$9,977.26), General fund balance: \$84,034.05, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since November Board meeting \$2,263.06. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for December as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Don asked when the water tower was due to be painted and if the gate to the water tower pond was supposed to be closed. Fran said the painting is normally done every 8 to 10 years and the gate on the pond was supposed to be closed. Linda asked for direction from the Board concerning offering the e-mailing of Board minutes to interested citizens for free instead of the \$15 charge for sending the minutes through the Post Office. The consensus of the Board was to e-mail the minutes at no charge for citizens that request that option.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk