

Special Meeting
Charleston Township Board
January 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. by the Supervisor.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called and members present were: Bell, Samson, Kramer, Balkema and Schug. Also present were Vern Eldridge, Glenn Avis, and Paul Galdes and Brian Rice of Fleis & VandenBrink.

BUSINESS:

Vern Eldridge and Glenn Avis explained the options for fixing the North Well pump motor. Fran asked for the specifications and estimated lifespan of a new motor. Balkema/Samson **moved to authorize the purchase of a new pump motor.** CARRIED Vern and Glenn also explained the problem with the well house meters and a little used line that holds dead water. More information is needed to see if it is more efficient to fix both problems at once. Balkema/Schug **moved to table action on correction of the position of the well house meters.** CARRIED

Brian and Paul described their proposal to get the extension of water lines down Michigan Avenue “shovel ready” in anticipation of applying for federal grant money to help fund the project. They estimated that initial expenses would be \$20,000 and additional expenses to take the project up to the bid process would be an additional \$25,000 to \$30,000. After additional questions and answers, Balkema/Bell **moved to authorize Fleis & VandenBrink to proceed with preliminary engineering on the extension of water lines west on Michigan Avenue.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED

In additional business, Samson/Schug **moved to appoint Chuck Kasson to the Board of Review and to the Fire Board as the township’s second representative.** CARRIED Don Balkema is the Township Board representative to the Fire Board and Ken Thoroughman is the at-large member of the Fire Board.

Balkema/Kramer **moved to authorize payment of the second half of Charleston’s annual contribution to the Fire Board in the amount of \$26,750.** CARRIED

Art noted that according to the township attorney, the Planning Commission is supposed to adopt its own meeting schedule.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Schug/Balkema moved to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk

