

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
January 27, 2009

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, Balkema, Samson, Schug and Kramer. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose and Pat Longfield.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

There was a motion by Balkema/Schug to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the December 16, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the December 18, 2008 special meeting minutes as presented. Samson/Balkema moved to approve the January 8, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report.
7. Art discussed his concerns with the Planning Commission by-laws, which were not adopted at this time. However, he did report that the meeting schedule had been adopted. Balkema/Schug moved to **receive the Planning Commission report**. CARRIED
8. Don Balkema presented the Fire Board budget and explained some of the items including an increase in payroll. Samson/Schug moved to **receive the fire report for December and January**. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After some discussion, Balkema/Schug **moved to adopt the Identity Theft Prevention Policy of Parchment revised to fit township requirements**. CARRIED
- b. Fran presented information from FEMA concerning floodmaps. The preliminary floodmaps are available for public viewing at the township hall and at various places around the county. A 90-day comment period will begin following the second publication of this proposed rule in the newspaper. Comments are typically about floodplain boundary delineations, corporate limits and incorrect road names.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the Planning Commission Ordinance pursuant to and to be in compliance with the Planning Enabling Act**. CARRIED
- b. The board discussed the implications of the township's Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance given an Appeals Court ruling that found a conflict with such ordinances and state law. The township attorney has indicated that the township could charge any violator through the court system. Samson/Balkema **moved to repeal Ordinance No. 110, the Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance, and to follow up on the procedure to do it**. CARRIED
- c. Schug/Samson **moved to adopt the 16th Walk for Warmth Resolution**. Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED
- d. Fran presented the board with information concerning the 2009 aerial photography planned by the county using a company called Pictometry. The company specializes in oblique aerial photography views that are very helpful for planning, assessing, public safety, building inspections and blight control etc. The images will be in color.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran will see if we can get an April or May date for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission annual visit. The township will have \$24, 729.11 available from Road Commission participation funds (Par Funds) to use for road work this year. The Kalamazoo River Valley Trailway is being extended in the Mosel Avenue, Mayor's Riverfront Park and Sprinkle Road to 35th Street areas. Fleis & VandenBrink explained in an e-mail what funds might be available to the township for local roads, local sewer, small water projects, drainage projects or building improvements. Michigan State University Extension is offering online training in the Fundamentals of Planning & Zoning. Lorence Wenke sent a letter of thanks for the privilege of serving our community as a Michigan House Representative. As a result of contempt action against Galesburg Speedway, the court fined the Speedway \$1000.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$248,802.24, disbursements: \$384,184.23, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$9,982.17), General fund balance: \$99,185.49, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since December Board meeting \$24,894.87. Samson/Balkema moved **to accept the Treasurer's report for January 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:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Don asked what time frame the attorney's bill covered. It covers one month. Art wanted to be sure that every Planning Commission member would receive a new list of members and a schedule of meetings.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved **to adjourn at 9:06 p.m.** CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk