

Special Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
February 17, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called and members present were: Bell, Schug, Samson, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance: Fire Chief Garry Henson and Shirley Kasson representing Galesburg Memorial Library.

BUSINESS:

The Board went through the proposed budget for 2009/2010 line by line. The Board discussed road repair, budgeting some money to hire an appraiser for the Target property, and creating a few more accounts to further break out expenditures. The new accounts would allow the Board to better keep an eye on expenses.

Shirley Kasson explained the ways that library patrons can use library services with Michicard, and the Michigan Electronic Library. She also explained that Galesburg residents have reciprocal borrowing privileges with the Kalamazoo Public Library because the City of Galesburg allocates .3 of a mil to KPL.

Garry Henson explained what was included in each of the accounts for the Fire Board budget and talked about the ways the Fire Department has been working to keep expenses down. The Board confirmed that the Township had gone to a 4 year payment plan for the Police & Fire Training Facility expense in order to be on the same schedule as the City of Galesburg. Don Balkema suggested that the Township pay the Training Tower invoice from the Public Safety Fund in the future instead of the Fire Chief including the item in the Fire Board Budget. The Board agreed to the arrangement. There was an understanding that the Township would be reimbursed by the Fire Board for the invoice that the Township had already paid this year, just as the City of Galesburg had been reimbursed.

Samson/Balkema moved to send the meters in the well house to California one at a time to be adjusted to correct an accuracy problem. CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Bell/Balkema moved to adjourn at 11:58 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk

