

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
February 24, 2009

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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 were Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Phyllis Rose, Gary Moline, Terry Seybert and Lt. Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Balkema/Schug to approve the agenda with the addition of 10f. Budget Adjustments. CARRIED Balkema/Samson moved to approve the January 27, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. Balkema/Samson moved to approve the February 17, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No report
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission approved the Planning Commission by-laws and the 2009/2010 meeting schedule. They also discussed wind generators. Schug/Balkema moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Don detailed the results of the February 18, 2009 Joint Fire Board Meeting and the run report. He also informed the Board that Fire Board members were bonded in the amount of \$100,000. The Board had previously inquired about the bonding status of the Fire Board, and specifically the Secretary/Treasurer who is responsible for paying the bills. Samson/Balkema **moved to approve the township's portion of the proposed Fire Board budget in the amount of \$65,525 contingent upon approval by the City of Galesburg of the same amount.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After an explanation of the process by letter from the township attorney, Samson/Balkema **moved to adopt the ordinance to repeal the Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Balkema – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Lt. Wally Kipp presented a monthly report from the Sheriff's Department that gave a picture of township-wide as well as county-wide service calls.
- b. Fran informed the Board that the Kalamazoo Valley Group Operating License for a Type III Pulp and Paper Mill Waste Landfill had been renewed.
- c. Fran announced that the County MTA quarterly meeting would be held on February 25, 2009 at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission at 7:15 p.m.
- d. The law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, PC had sent some information to the township concerning grant money available for energy efficiency. The Board decided to pursue more information with an eye toward making the township hall more energy efficient.

PUBLIC HEARING

Samson/Schug moved to recess the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m. and open the Public Hearing. CARRIED The Board listened to presentations by Terry Seybert of Seybert's Excavating and Gary Moline for Aggregate Resources & Midway gravel mines as well as for his enterprise, Lone Eagle Aggregate. Fran presented information from Henry Valkema for his mine on M-96 and 38th Street. Samson/Schug moved to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting at 7:45 p.m. Balkema/Schug **moved to**

approve the renewal of the gravel mining permit for Seybert's Excavating for three years with the provision of all required documents. CARRIED Balkema/Schug moved to approve the renewal of the gravel mining permit for Midway Aggregates for three years with the provision of all required documents. CARRIED Balkema/Schug moved to approve the renewal of the gravel mining permit for Aggregate Resources for three years with the provision of all required documents. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the renewal of the gravel mining permit for Lone Eagle Aggregates for three years with the provision of all required documents. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the renewal of the gravel mining permit for Henry Valkema for three years with the provision of all required documents. CARRIED

e. The Board reviewed the bid for enclosures for the well pumps. After some discussion, Samson/Balkema **moved to seek out additional bids for enclosures for the well pumps. CARRIED**

f. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve the transfer of \$3625 from Contingency to cover adjustments to the following accounts: Mileage - \$740, Election Salaries - \$685, Utilities - \$603, Cemetery Fees - \$705, Cemetery Lot Buyback - \$500, Wren Lighting District - \$225, Waste Hauler Licensing - \$167. CARRIED**

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran said that he would find out the cost and location of the Michigan Agri Energy Conference and the Introduction to Transportation Asset Management Conference if any one is interested in attending. The Kalamazoo Environmental Council is sponsoring a legislative breakfast on March 9 at 7:30 a.m. at the Kalamazoo Nature Center. The cost is \$7 for breakfast catered by Maggie's. The St. Joseph River Basin Commission provided the township with a publication defining the various types of wetlands.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts \$277,196.49, disbursements: \$400,348.31, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$12,145.78), General fund balance: \$84,357.18, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since January Board meeting \$1,340.05. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for February as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Dennis Ward asked why there were so many special meetings lately. Fran explained that there were three meetings. The first was in December with Friends of the Library that wanted to meet with Charleston before they met with the City of Galesburg. The second was in January and was held because the Board needed to authorize the replacement of a failed well pump. The third was the annual meeting to work on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. That meeting generally takes three hours. Dennis also asked about how the special meetings were noticed. They are posted on the board outside of the township hall at least 18 hours before the meeting.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda requested that the township switch companies for domain name registration. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve Lund & Lund as the township's provider of domain name registration.** Art asked whether the fax machine was still having problems. Linda said that Ikon had checked out the fax machine and found no problems. She will contact CTS and have them check the phone lines. Fran encouraged the board members to think about allotting some funds in the budget for an appraisal of the Target property.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk