

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
March 24, 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, Schug, Balkema, Samson and Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Lt. Wally Kipp, Dennis Ward, Marcia Lewis, Patricia Crowley.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of 9b. Water System Pump Structures CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the February 24, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the March 12, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

6. No zoning administrator's report.
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission is considering whether to amend the noise ordinance to include wind turbines. They will check with AGS and the township attorney about the advisability of amending the ordinance. Balkema/Kramer moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Don reviewed the Fire Board minutes and answered questions about the report. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Fran reported that the township doesn't qualify for stimulus money for extending water to Andrews Estates because the township median income is too high. There are a couple of other avenues that the township can pursue, however. Balkema/Schug moved **to not go forward with the water project.** CARRIED
- b. Fran presented two additional bids for the coverings for the well pumps that the board discussed at the February 24, 2009 meeting. Balkema/Schug moved **to give the Supervisor the authority to select the most qualified bidder under \$10,000.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell –Y; Kramer – Y; Balkema – Y. CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: 2009/2010 BUDGET

Balkema/Samson moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED The Supervisor gave an overview of the General Budget, the Public Safety Budget and the Sewer & Water Budget. Dennis Ward asked about legal fees for the current year and was told that they amounted to \$25,000 of the \$30,000 that was budgeted. An identical amount was budgeted for 2009/2010. At 7:57 p.m. Balkema/Samson moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. CARRIED Linda read the General Appropriations Resolution. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the 2009/2010 General Appropriations Resolution.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED (See attachments)

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign the contract with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for chip sealing North 36th Street from Galesburg to G Avenue.** CARRIED The project will be shared with Comstock Township as 36th Street is a border road. Fran has also sent a letter to KCRC requesting that the balance of PAR funds be carried over and

- applied to next year's project which is rebuilding L Avenue from 38th Street east 3700 feet.
- b. Schug/Balkema **moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the audit contract with Siegfried Crandall for 2009.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED
 - c. Balkema/Schug moved **to authorize any board member who wishes to attend the MTA Seminar “Making Parliamentary Procedure Work” and to pay the fees.** CARRIED
 - d. Balkema/Samson moved **to authorize the supervisor to select the low bidder for the Spring Trash Drop Off.** CARRIED
 - e. Lt. Wally Kipp from the Sheriff's Department gave his monthly report of service calls in the township.
 - f. Being a statutory requirement Balkema/Schug moved **to appoint Art Samson to the vacated position of fence viewer to fill the term of Nelson Hiestand through March 31, 2011.** CARRIED
 - g. Balkema/Samson moved **to appoint B&C Lawncare as the Cemetery Sexton and to take care of the township grounds and cemetery grounds as being in the best interests of the township.** CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved **to appoint the contract service providers for 2009/2010 as listed.** CARRIED (see attachment)
 - h. Balkema/Schug moved **to adopt the 2009/2010 Meeting Schedules for the Township Board.** CARRIED
 - g. Balkema/Kramer **moved to approve the Cable Access Center 2009/2010 Budget.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

KCRC wants to schedule their annual meeting with the Township Board. Attorney Craig Rolfe has finally received the transcript for the court proceedings of January 23, 2009 regarding Galesburg Speedway. Fran hopes to meet informally with Ralph Warning, owner of Galesburg Speedway, before the 2009 season starts to tie up any loose ends as regards fencing issues. Tom Dewhirst of Household Hazardous Waste advised at an EHAC meeting that Best Buy is starting an electronic take back program. Household Hazardous Waste is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority sent an explanation of their proposal that will be on the ballot for the May 5, 2009 election.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$443,009.33, disbursements: \$420,476.98, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$12,149.26), General fund balance: \$230,037.87, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since February Board meeting \$160,982.71. Kramer/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for March 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

There were no comments.

MEMBERS TIME

Brenda asked about the status of the Wren Acres Light District. Fran presented all the information he was able to find including the resolution establishing the district. He didn't find any information on how the decision was made for the township to pay 52% of the bill and for Wren Acres to pay 48% of the bill. Art thought that a uniform method of establishing a lighting district and billing for it would be fairer to all the residents of the township.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk