

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
April 28, 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, Samson, Kramer and Balkema. Also in attendance: Patsy Longfield, Dennis Ward, Jeffrie Maddox, Daniel Moyle, Kenneth Oscarson, Joanna Johnson, Wally Kipp and Phyllis Rose.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the March 24, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran presented a report listing ordinance violation complaints and the status of those complaints.
7. Art summarized the Planning Commission discussion on the Wind Energy Ordinance. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Don reviewed the Joint Fire Board Meeting minutes and answered questions. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Because of a publishing glitch, the Township Board needed to repeal the Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance again. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the ordinance to repeal Ordinance # 110, the Hazardous Materials Cost Recovery Ordinance.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED
- b. Fran detailed the information required for an energy audit that may qualify the township for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program stimulus funds. Samson/Schug **moved to apply for the free walk-through energy analysis and Introductory Energy Evaluation Report with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc.** CARRIED
- c. Fran told the Board that Republic Waste had been selected to provide services for the Spring Trash Drop Off on May 16, 2009 from 8 to 12 noon.
- d. Fran said that the Kalamazoo County Road Commission approved the township's request to carry over \$14, 572.11 of the township's Par Funds. The township is waiting for the contract.
- e. Fran reported that Bruce Haase had been selected to construct structures to enclose the township's municipal water wells with features that included a sloped shed roof and motion-detector floodlights over each door. The electric portion of the bid required an increase in the bid amount. Samson/Balkema **moved to increase the maximum bid from \$10,000 to \$10,500 to ensure that the funds would be adequate.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission met with the township board at 6:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming projects in the county and the township and to answer questions from the board and constituents.
- b. Lt. Wally Kipp provided a quarterly report on calls for service in the township.

- c. **Balkema/Samson moved to approve a reward offer of \$500 from Charleston Township with the City of Galesburg also contributing \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the vandalism to the township's and city's municipal water system.** CARRIED The township lost 610,100 gallons of water. Galesburg and Comstock lost similar amounts. Five suspects have been identified.
- d. **Balkema/Kramer moved to authorize Associated Government Services to issue a zoning approval permit for Galesburg Speedway to repair existing fencing as permitted by Court Order (File # B 86-1242-CE).** CARRIED
- e. **Samson/Schug moved to respectfully decline to participate at this time in sharing costs of a study to determine the scope and approximate project costs to resolve flooding problems in the Minges Brook Drain.** CARRIED Charleston's portion of the drain is 7.5%.
- f. **After a review of the details, Schug/Hiestand moved to approve the request by Mark Miskerik to hold Mini-Hydroplane races on Eagle Lake in Fort Custer State Recreation Area on June 13 and 14, 2009 pending receipt of all pertinent permits and with provision of liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran announced two collections for unwanted medications by Household Hazardous Waste. The first will be on Saturday, June 20 at Loy Norrix High School parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A second event is planned for September 19. HHW reported a 53% increase in participation in the first quarter. Fran said that Charleston will not be participating in the COPS grant program. Fran reported a request by Richard Blakeslee for a reassignment of address to correct out of sequence addresses on Streamside that may lead to confusion by emergency personnel.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$1,916.22, disbursements: \$0.00, transfers to savings from general fund: (\$4.50), General fund balance: \$214,020.52, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since March Board meeting \$1,916.22. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for April as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Dennis Ward questioned the amount of money the township spends on attorney fees for problems with Galesburg Speedway and wondered if it was worth the expenditure and if costs could be recovered. Art reminded him that the board is required to follow through on complaints about the Speedway by virtue of the oaths of office and statutory duties required of township officers.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art wondered why Berrien County was included on the list of municipalities that participate with Household Hazardous Waste. Fran said that HHW provides winter service for Berrien County.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk