

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
May 26, 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, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10e. Adoption of MTA Principles of Governance and 10f. Approval of KCRC Dust Control Contract. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the April 28, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the April 30, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Balkema/Samson moved to approve the April 30, 2009 closed meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran noted that there were three or four minor complaints including dogs, restoration of the former Terburg home and noise (music) emanating from the outdoor deck of the Time Out Lounge.
7. Art said that he was looking for an ordinance to regulate solar farms and had found one from Texas. A property owner is considering a solar farm in Charleston Township. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Don reviewed the Fire Board minutes and the run report. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Report for May. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Balkema/Samson moved **to authorize the clerk and the supervisor to sign the Local Road Project Contract with KCRC with carryover PAR funds in the amount of \$14,572.11 for gravel, pulverizing and HMA paving of L Avenue commencing in 2010 and completing in 2011 with an approximate cost of \$77,492.50.** CARRIED
- b. Lt. Wally Kipp presented the first quarter report of calls for service to the Sheriff's Department from Charleston for a total of 747.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. After a review of the amended 9-1-1 Fire Dispatch Agreement, Schug/Balkema moved **to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign the amended 2008 9-1-1 Fire Dispatch agreement for 2009 and to participate in paying our share of the cost.** CARRIED
- b. Art indicated that he was interested in attending MTA's latest planning and zoning workshop, Smart Strategies for Dealing with Undesirable Land Uses. He will also inform the Planning Commission to see if the members have any interest.
- c. Grand Valley State University is conducting a free radon survey of southwest Michigan. Interested parties may contact Dr. Azizur R. Molla at mollaziz@gvsu.edu.
- d. Fran informed the board of a presentation by the Michigan State Police for local officials on "Setting Realistic Speed Limits" from approximately 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at the Kalamazoo County Road Commission basement meeting room at no cost.
- e. Samson/Balkema moved **to adopt MTA's Principles of Governance with all board members willing to sign it.** CARRIED
- f. Balkema/Samson moved **to approve the 2009 Dust Control Contract which includes continuous application of 2,000 gallons per mile at \$360 per mile for 3.8 miles.** CARRIED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Fran presented communications from Gull Lake Sewer Authority, Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government, KCRC on dust control options for 2009, Kalamazoo County Treasurer, Mary Balkema on Land Banks, and a Public Service Training Facility fundraiser.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Year to Date receipts \$21,598.08, disbursements: \$13,612.20, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$5.31), General fund balance: \$295,084.87, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since April Board meeting \$16,939.81. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for May as received. CARRIED

**READING & DISPOSITION BILLS**

Samson/Schug 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:**

Fran reported that an energy audit of the township hall would take place in a month or so. Linda presented a bid from AT&T for phone service. The bid was for more than the township currently pays. On Linda's recommendation, the board declined to take action.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk