

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
June 23, 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: Patsy Longfield, Phyllis Rose, Garry Henson, Derek Henson, and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of 8b. Fire Chief Garry Henson.
CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the May 26, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No report.
7. Art noted that he had not attended the Planning Commission meeting, thus he had no report. Schug/Balkema moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Don stated that the Fire Board ended the fiscal year in the black. There will be a fire report next month as nothing was received before the board meeting.
 - a. Fire Chief Henson explained the Intergovernmental Fire Protection Hazardous Materials Incident Response Agreement. The agreement sets up a fund to maintain current county hazmat equipment. The County Clerk receives and dispenses the funds. Any liability is covered by individual departments through their insurance. The annual fee is \$600 per department and comes out of the Fire Board budget.
 - b. Fire Chief Henson stated that the recently released grant guidelines do not allow for property purchase, so he requested that Charleston approve the purchase of property for the new fire station. The City of Galesburg has already approved the purchase and agreed to their half of \$30,000 to \$45,000. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve the purchase of property for the new fire station contingent upon receipt of the grant and to fund half of the purchase price up to \$45,000.** CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Lt. Wally Kipp gave his monthly report. The township portion of the total calls for service in the county remains at about 5%.
- b. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. to complete an Introductory Energy Evaluation for Township Buildings in accordance with the Engineer's proposal dated June 2, 2009 for a fee of \$1500 to be split with the Village of Augusta.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Balkema **moved that the board will not take any action on changing Richard Blakeslee's out of sequence address on Streamside Drive unless requested.** CARRIED
- b. Fran presented information on a Professional Development Retreat for board members this fall at Yarrow Conference Center in Augusta.

- c. The board reviewed three quotes for sealing the parking lot. Balkema/Samson **moved to contract with the low bidder, TM's Asphalt Sealing to sealcoat and stripe the township hall parking lot for the sum of \$1232.** CARRIED
- d. In response to an e-mail from John Gisler, Communications Director of a new group, Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government (KCRG) that seeks transparency in government, and noting all the township's efforts to provide information to its citizens, Samson/Balkema **moved to not accept KCRG's invitation to provide more information for their Transparency Scorecard.** CARRIED
- e. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve the issuance of a fireworks permit for Vernon Eldridge, for July 4, 2008 or a rain date pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees and approval of the Fire Chief.** CARRIED Only one fireworks permit request was received before the board meeting.
- f. Balkema/Samson **moved to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Water Fund as budgeted.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- g. Samson/Schug **moved to solicit bids for illuminating the flag.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran distributed communications concerning the Pictometry project, the 2009 Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, the Southwest Michigan Trails Summit, Gull Lake Sewer concerning the Escandon property, and the upcoming Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Dept. Drug Dropoff in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$77,364.36, disbursements: \$43,548.10, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$14.95), General fund balance: \$245,910.11, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since May Board meeting \$54,914.30. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for June 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:

Phyllis Rose asked if the option to purchase property for a fire station was for property in Charleston Township. One of the potential properties is in Charleston.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda presented a proposal from AT&T for service to the township. The board decided to reject the proposal because they have been satisfied with Climax Telephone Service and they like to support local business.

Samson/Balkema moved to recess the regular meeting at 8: 40 p.m. and go into closed session. Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Discussed legal options concerning Galesburg Speedway. Balkema/Schug moved to adjourn the closed meeting and return to the regular meeting at 9:22 p.m. CARRIED Samson/Bell **moved to authorize the attorney to proceed with supplemental contempt action in regard to failure of Galesburg Speedway owner, Ralph Warning, to comply with the April 14, 2009 order of the Kalamazoo County Circuit Court.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk