

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
July 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, Samson, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance were Phyllis Rose, Lt. Wally Kipp, and Rich Pierson.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

There was a motion by Balkema/Samson to adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of 9c. Rich Pierson, Gull Lake Sewer Authority, Rambling Trails Project. CARRIED
Schug/Samson moved to approve the June 23, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.
CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No Zoning Administrator's Report.
7. Art Samson explained a problem he sees with the Schmitt Special Exception Use. He was concerned with what happens when the equipment is outdated. He would like a procedure for cleanup when the photovoltaic array is decommissioned. The Public Hearing for the Special Exception Use will be August 25, 2009. Schug/Balkema moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. After a brief report by Don, Samson/Schug moved to receive the Joint Fire Board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. After some discussion of the two quotes for illuminating the flag, Balkema/Samson **moved to award the bid to CT Electrical Services, Inc.** CARRIED
- b. Fran requested that the board review the County Hazmat Team Agreement although it will be revised before a final version is available to the board. Balkema/Samson **moved to table action on the County Hazmat Team Agreement.** CARRIED
- c. Fran provided the board with information from the State Police he received at a meeting concerning speed limits.
- d. Lt. Wally Kipp provided the monthly and quarterly statistics on service calls by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department in Charleston Township.
- e. Rich Pierson, Director of the Gull Lake Sewer Authority, updated the board on the status of the Rambling Trails project which is in foreclosure and how the foreclosure impacts the Authority and Charleston Township. The Chemical Bank mortgage takes precedence over the contract that GLSA and Charleston Township has with New Frontier Homes, LLC, the developer of the Rambling Trails project.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The board reviewed the Area Agency on Aging Plans for 2010-2012. The board took no action which is considered passive approval by the State of Michigan.
- b. **Kramer/Balkema moved to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund to cover a budget adjustment due to construction of sheds over the well pumps.** CARRIED No other budget adjustments were needed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran submitted information provided by resident Dennis Ward concerning the River Trailway. The Household Hazardous Waste Center reports that participation is up nearly 24% for the quarter.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$99,766.71, disbursements: \$110,435.02, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$20.18), General fund balance: \$201,420.31, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since June Board meeting \$13,534.79. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for July 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

CITIZENS' TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Don reported that he attended the quarterly meeting of the Landfill Committee and toured the landfill site. Fran said that he attended an award ceremony for Eaton Corporation's Truck Group. The Truck Group is the recipient of the Eaton Business Excellence Award. He also provided the board with information regarding asbestos guidelines for renovation/demolition operations. Fran reported that the sheds covering the well pumps were now completed and that a resolution of the water vandalism should be coming in the next couple of weeks.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk