

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
August 25, 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, and Kramer. Absent: Balkema. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Pat and John Longfield, Richard Schmitt, Sam Field and his wife, and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

A motion was made by Samson/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of 10f. CT Electric  
CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the July 28, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented.  
CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report this month
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission had approved the Site Plan for the Schmitt solar array project contingent upon board approval of a special exception use. Schug/Kramer moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Being that Don Balkema was absent, the board reviewed the Fire Board minutes and budget statements. Questions will be asked at the next board meeting. Samson/Kramer moved to receive the fire board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Action on the Kalamazoo County Hazmat Team Agreement is still tabled pending receipt of the final document.
- b. Lt. Wally Kipp presented his monthly report on calls for service in Charleston Township from the Sheriff's Office.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The board declined to act on the Kalamazoo Transportation Department Resolution Request for community support for a proposed fare increase for public transportation. The board thought that an increase in fares was a decision for the City of Kalamazoo residents to make without our interference.
- b. Samson/Schug **moved to authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign the KCRC Dust Control Contract for a second application of mineral well brine for a continuous application at \$360 per mile for 3.67 miles.** CARRIED
- c. Fran reminded the board to let the clerk know by September 14th if they wanted to attend MTA's Fall Regional Meeting.
- d. The early registration for MTA's Financial Strategies Seminar is September 8.
- e. Fran noted that the annual audit indicated that the township was in good shape given the economy and revenue sharing cutbacks.
- f. Fran presented the bid by CT Electric to replace the lights on the front of the building. Samson/Kramer **moved to table action on the bid while the supervisor solicits another quote.** CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: 7:30 p.m. Special Exception Use Request – Richard Schmitt

Samson/Schug moved to recess the regular meeting at 7:30 and open the Public Hearing for a special exception use for Richard Schmitt. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED  
Richard Schmitt explained his request for a special exception use for approximately three acres of his property located at 13362 East L Avenue. He proposed to construct a public utility service facility consisting of a 147 kilowatt photovoltaic electrical generating system that consists of 126 solar racks. The facility will be the largest of its type in the state.

Samson/Schug moved to close the public hearing at 7:58 p.m. and return to the regular meeting. CARRIED  
Samson/Schug **moved to grant a special exception use for a public utility service photovoltaic electrical generating facility with the stipulation that language from the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant that requires decommissioning and disposal of equipment will be included.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information on Kalamazoo County MTA's Annual Picnic at Scott's Mill Park, a water quality report for Blue Lake and Eagle Lake from KC Health & Community Services, and a change from analog to digital emergency reporting by Comcast that will impact local emergency announcements. Gull Lake Sewer has repaid the County for the Rambling Trails delinquent sewer contract amounts. The City of Kalamazoo will be hosting the 111<sup>th</sup> Michigan Municipal League Conference September 22-25, 2009.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$112,517.79, disbursements: \$155,103.27, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$2,427.84), General fund balance: \$167,095.48, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since July Board meeting \$395.91. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for August 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

CITIZENS' TIME:

There were no comments or questions.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art asked what happened to the Speedway court case. Fran responded that Speedway attorney Shek didn't receive service papers from the court. The next date will probably be in October. Fran reported that the energy audit had been received. He noted that the Village of Augusta had not received an audit report.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Schug moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk