

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
September 22, 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, Balkema, Samson and Kramer. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Balkema/Samson to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the August 26, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No report.
7. The township board agreed that it wanted to review the Wind Energy Ordinance before it goes to the attorney and Associated Government Services for their review. Balkma/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report.
8. Don answered questions on the Fire Board minutes and noted that Ken Thoroughman, the Secretary/Treasurer of the Fire Board had contacted a few CPA firms to compare audit rates. Samson/Schug **moved to invite the City of Galesburg and Mary Flegal, of Flegal and Tibbits, to a meeting to discuss costs and requirements for a Fire Board audit.** CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Balkema/Schug **moved to accept the \$300 bid from Nuyen Electric, Inc. to replace the exterior light on the front of the township hall.** CARRIED
- b. Fran distributed information regarding an attempt to establish a drainage district for the Minges Creek Intercounty Drain. A small portion of the drain is located in Section 36 of Charleston Township. The township is waiting to discover what actions Charleston will need to take in the future to alleviate the flooding problem in the City of Battle Creek.
- c. Lt. Wally Kipp made his monthly report on Sheriff Department activity in the township. He also discussed the home invasion on Augusta Drive that was referenced in the newspaper.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Fran reported that wellhead protection grant assistance for October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 has been approved by the Department of Environmental Quality.
- b. Fran informed the board that the County MTA was offering a scholarship county wide for one official to attend the 2010 Educational Conference in Grand Rapids to enhance the opportunity for well-educated township officials. The application is available at the township office.
- c. Due to changes in ownership and differences in bidding, Schug/Balkema **moved to authorize Fran to seek bids from the major waste haulers in the county for the Fall Trash Drop Off and to accept the best bid.** CARRIED The Drop Off is tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in October.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented information concerning an error in billing in the amount of \$16.37 from Household Hazardous Waste. The error will be corrected with the 3rd quarter billing. Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority is encouraging participation in their "Transit Talk" program, which presents information on area public transportation and seeks ideas from the public. The KCTA also enclosed a notice of a proposed fare increase.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$132,703.38, disbursements: \$174,292.25, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$2430.50), General fund balance: \$168089.43, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since August Board meeting \$18,465.36. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for September as received. CARRIED Brenda remarked that revenue sharing was down \$8,000 or 13.5% from this time last year.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Schug/Samson moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED Balkema/Samson **moved to transfer \$100 from contingency to the audit account to cover that budget adjustment.** CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments.

MEMBERS TIME:

Fran commented on a complaint by Darren Schmitt concerning semi-trucks heading to the Target Distribution Center using his front lawn as a turn around. Apparently, it has happened several times. Fran hopes to work out a resolution to this ongoing problem with the new Target manager.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk