

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
October 27, 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, Kramer, Balkema, Schug and Samson. Also in attendance: Lt. Wally Kipp and a couple other interested citizens.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkma moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Schug/Samson moved to approve the September 22, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran presented a list of zoning ordinance violations that are in the process of being resolved. He indicated that Galesburg Speedway owner, Ralph Warning, had been found guilty of criminal contempt for neglecting to obtain a fireworks display permit required by state statute and must pay a \$250 fine. He was also found in civil contempt for failure to conform the public address to governing court orders. Speedway activities shall not be conducted on the subject premises unless and until the report required by the prior Orders is provided and properly addressed. Fran also said that he notified a resident that permits were required for installation and burning of an outdoor wood furnace.
7. Art said that he informed the Planning Commission that he will be writing a minority report to the Planning Commission and the Township Board referencing his concern about including shadow flicker, anemometer construction and decommissioning of wind energy structures in the wind energy ordinance that the Planning Commission has been working on. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Don noted that there was an \$1122 discrepancy in funding from the City of Galesburg to the Fire Board. He doesn't yet know why. Fran said that he would check on what type of audit is required for the Fire Board. It looks like the Fire Board will not receive federal stimulus grant money for a new fire station. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran said that the Fall Trash Drop Off bid went to Best Way. The trash drop off will be October 31, 2009 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- b. The Preliminary Exam Hearing concerning the water tower vandalism was cancelled. A court trial will be scheduled soon for Defendant Justin Edward Harper.
- c. Lt. Wally Kipp presented a quarterly report on Sheriff Department activity in the township and the county.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Township Board will be reviewing additional information presented on classification of the assessor as an employee or independent contractor so that a decision can be made on what action to take and when to take it.

- b. The energy audit that the township approved in the spring was completed and an application for federal stimulus grant funds to improve energy efficiency in the township was sent. The supervisor indicated that he was not hopeful based on the qualification criteria. Schug/Balkema **moved to get some quotes on insulating the attic and contact Bruce Haase to check the fascia for proper ventilation and then get quotes if it is inadequate. CARRIED**

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran said that the Board will be discussing the status of the township ordinance enforcement officer as an employee or an independent contractor. He also presented communications from Lake Michigan Mailers concerning use of heavier paper for the newsletter, a glowing report on increasing usage from Household Hazardous Waste, and an invitation from the City of Kalamazoo to the swearing in of the new City Commission.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$135,906.27, disbursements: \$227,819.49, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$3,365.46), General fund balance: \$116,830.12, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since September Board meeting \$3,029.89. Balkema/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer's report for October as received. CARRIED

#### READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Balkema/Schug 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 the Landfill Committee was going to biannual meetings instead of quarterly meetings. Art asked if National City Bank had become PNC yet. Brenda replied that the transition won't be complete until some time next summer. Fran presented a copy of the action plan regarding complaints of trucks delivering to the Target Distribution Center.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk