

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
November 24, 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. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Lt Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Balkema/Schug moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of f. KCHMT Agreement under Old Business and c. Insulation Quote under New Business. CARRIED
Balkema/Samson moved to approve the October 27, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. As the items that needed repairing were completed to the satisfaction of the Supervisor, Fran reported that a check was sent to Jerry Vander Roest for insurance funds that had been held in escrow until fire damage was repaired.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in November.
8. Don presented the fire report and answered questions. The question regarding the short payment to the Fire Board by the City of Galesburg has not been satisfactorily answered. The City of Galesburg has withheld \$1122 from their first contribution. The Fire Board secretary/treasurer, Ken Thoroughman, will send a letter to the City asking for clarification. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for October. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Art distributed copies of the draft wind energy ordinance that the Planning Commission has been working on. Art expressed concern primarily about three items that the Planning Commission voted to exclude from the ordinance. After some discussion, Balkema/Schug moved to send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission with the three points Art outlined for consideration, which are Shadow Flicker, Decommissioning and Anemometer Tower, and the reasoning if the points are not included in the ordinance. CARRIED
- b. After some clarification, Balkema/Bell moved to develop an agreement with the assessor to assign the statutory assessing duties to the assessor as a public officer employee of the Township with the rest of the functions assigned to the assessor as an independent contractor per a revised contract. CARRIED
- c. At the conclusion of some discussion, Samson/Schug moved to accept Option 1, which stipulates that the township board will accept the legal guidance of the attorney and continue to allow ordinance citations/appearance tickets to be issued by a contractual service provider of the Township who has been duly authorized to do so as an appointed ordinance enforcement officer pursuant to the Ordinance Enforcement Ordinance Officer.
- d. Fran presented a letter from Rich Pierson, Director of the Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority, stating that the Authority Board will not request that Charleston Township levy additional "connection fees" or "create a special district" with regards to Rambling Trails. Should the Rambling Trails development ever occur, the Authority will rely on the then current rates and charges to recover the Authority investment as it routinely does in other projects throughout the system.

- e. Lt. Wally Kipp presented his monthly report on service calls by the Sheriff's Department in Charleston Township as well as in the County.
- f. Fran distributed copies of the latest draft of the Intergovernmental Fire Protection Hazardous Materials Incident Response Agreement and asked the Board to review it before the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Balkema/Samson **moved to continue Household Hazardous Waste services with funding of \$1500 and authorized the supervisor to sign the agreement.** CARRIED
- b. (1) Samson/Balkema **moved to adopt Ordinance # 142 as presented effective February 17, 2010 or 30 days after publication.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y, Bell – Y, Schug – Y, and Samson – Y. CARRIED
 (2) Balkema/Schug **moved to adopt the Floodplain Resolution as presented and authorized the supervisor and the clerk to sign the resolution.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y, Schug – Y, Bell – Y, Kramer – Y, and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- c. Fran presented a quote from Sanderson Insulation to foam and insulate the drop ceiling and attic area of the township hall for approximately \$2000. Fran will get a couple more quotes. Balkema/Samson **moved to authorize the supervisor to spend up to \$2500 on insulation and to select the contractor.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented a letter from Galesburg-Augusta High School teacher, Cindy Roe, thanking the clerk for setting up a precinct and allowing her students to practice voting. Citizen Planner, an MSU Extension program, is offering a free scholarship for one of their programs.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$157,231.02, disbursements: \$243,905.31, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$3,367.25), General fund balance: \$122,067.26, Beginning balance was \$212,108.80, Received since October Board meeting \$20,597.33. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for November 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 wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda said there would be a county wide election in May for renewal of a public safety millage. Brenda won a scholarship to MTA's Conference in January. Samson/Balkema **moved to pay to registration fee for anyone who wants to attend the MTA Conference and the cost of one night's lodging for the clerk and treasurer.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk