

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
April 27, 2010

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, Samson, Kramer and Balkema. Also in attendance: Dennis Berkebile, Kent McCauley, Jeffrie Maddox, Daniel Moyle, Kenneth Oscarson, Joanna Johnson, Bill DeYoung, Craig Rolfe, Larry DeShazor, Wally Kipp, Ralph & Ryan Warning, many Galesburg Speedway supporters, Rich Pierson, Phil Larson and Phyllis Rose.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda with the addition of Galesburg Speedway as item 9a under Old Business. CARRIED The rest of the agenda items were moved down accordingly. Samson/Balkema moved to approve the March 23, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report
7. Art said the Wind Energy Ordinance is on the agenda for May. The Planning Commission may reconsider the whole ordinance. Art expressed concern about the cost of including the flood plain section in each zoning district in the zoning ordinance. However, he thought that the inclusion alerts residents to potential problems. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Don reviewed the Joint Fire Board Meeting minutes and answered questions. A letter from the Grant Programs Directorate indicated that the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department application for a grant for a new fire station was denied. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Attorney Craig Rolfe and Supervisor Fran Bell detailed to the audience the origins of the latest problem with Galesburg Speedway. They explained the court's October 27, 2009 Order of Contempt as it regards the public address system. They answered questions and took comments from the audience. Trustee Art Samson asked what specific information needed to be supplied to the township and the court and Attorney Rolfe listed the height of the loudspeakers on the poles, the angle of the speakers, information (make, watts etc.) on amplifier equipment, and the decibel level of the speaker system over the level of the race cars. The speedway will have to provide verification that it has addressed those issues regarding the sound system. Samson/Balkema **moved to authorize the attorney to contact and confer with Speedway attorney Shek and authorize any action Attorney Rolfe thinks is appropriate, make a report to the supervisor and take action at the discretion of the supervisor.** CARRIED The Board recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 8:55 p.m.
- b. Samson/Balkema **moved to appoint Diane Gajor as part-time township assessor with 75% of her duties as an employee and 25% as an independent contractor.** CARRIED
- c. Samson/Balkema **moved to accept the zoning administrator's and the attorney's recommendation to adopt the revisions to the Flood Plain Construction ordinance.** CARRIED

- d. Samson/Schug **moved to adopt the Fireworks Ordinance after clarification of page 2, Section B.** CARRIED
- e. Lt. Wally Kipp provided a monthly report on calls for service in the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Kalamazoo County Road Commission met with the township board at 6:30 p.m. to discuss upcoming projects in the county and the township and to answer questions from the board and constituents.
- b. Schug/Samson **moved to approve the Kalamazoo Regional Water & Wastewater 2nd Amended Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution and authorized the clerk to sign it.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- c. After a review of the details, Balkema/Samson **moved to approve the request by Mark Miskerik to hold Mini-Hydroplane races on Eagle Lake in Fort Custer State Recreation Area on June 5 and 6, 2010 pending receipt of all pertinent permits and with provision of liability insurance and a hold harmless agreement.** CARRIED
- d. Samson/Schug **moved to reimburse the City of Galesburg \$106 for two additional four yard dumpsters used in the Community Wide Clean-Up for Charleston trash.** CARRIED
- e. Fran said that Charleston would host a Junk Tire Drop Off for township residents on May 15, 2010.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran sent a letter to the City of Galesburg requesting timely written notification if they approve a Fire Board budget amount different from Charleston's. He presented a letter from Lt. James VanDyken informing Charleston that he had reminded Ralph Warning of Galesburg Speedway and Richard Wilson from Nightmagic of the fireworks permit guidelines. VanDyken was assured that it would not be an issue for the 2010 holiday season. Health & Community Services provided dates for disposal of unwanted drugs. The dates will be Saturdays: April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, August 14 & October 9, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$2,076.35, disbursements: \$0.00, transfers to savings from general fund: (\$.47), General fund balance: \$233,113.22, Beginning balance was \$231,037.34, Received since March Board meeting \$2,076.35. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for April 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

CITIZEN TIME:

Larry DeShazor, candidate for the state senate seat currently held by Tom George, gave some information about himself and his legislative priorities and asked board members to consider him for the office.

MEMBERS TIME:

Fran said that the concrete sidewalk work would be done by Don VanderLugt. Linda suggested that Charleston and the City of Galesburg coordinate their respective community cleanups to reduce costs.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk