

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
November 23, 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, Samson, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Lt Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkema moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the October 26, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that Heidi Mullin had received permission from the State of Michigan to incorporate demolition concrete into her backyard directly behind her house but not in the wetland area.
7. There was no Planning Commission meeting in November.
8. Don presented the fire report and answered questions. He also stated that the December Fire Board meeting would be held on the 8th due to scheduling conflicts. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report for November. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran said that Attorney Jim Porter sat in for Craig at a bankruptcy hearing concerning Ralph Warning as the Board had requested. The Board set a tentative special meeting date of November 30, 2010 with Attorney Craig Rolfe in attendance to answer questions concerning the bankruptcy.
- b. The Planning Commission included four items in the Wind Energy Ordinance that they have been working on. The items were shadow flicker, decommissioning, anti-climbing and anemometer towers. The Board wanted the items included in an ordinance that the Board would review before it was sent on to the attorney and Associated Government Services. Because no ordinance was presented to the Board, Balkema/Schug **moved to send the Wind Energy report back to the Chairperson of the Planning Commission to provide the Board with the document that the Board requested.** CARRIED
- c. Lt. Wally Kipp presented his monthly report on service calls for September and October by the Sheriff's Department in Charleston Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **After some explanation of the adjustments, Kramer/Schug moved to adjust the budget for the following accounts: Election Salaries (\$391), Deputy Clerk (\$6312), Office Manager (\$117), Cemetery Lot Buyback (\$500), and Contractual Services (\$1080) with the total of \$8400 coming from the Transfer to Water Fund.** CARRIED
- b. Balkema/Samson **moved to continue Household Hazardous Waste services with funding of \$1500 and authorized the supervisor to sign the agreement.** CARRIED
- c. Fran stated that the Township had received \$2000 from Enbridge for 2 parcels that the Township owns for inconvenience caused by the oil spill in the Kalamazoo River last summer.
- d. Fran reported that a portion of the Rambling Trails plat (approximately 67 acres) was bought by Mr. Drobny.
- e. Fran discussed the Kalamazoo Regional Water/Wastewater Report. The City of Kalamazoo was

removed from the KRWW Commission in the Second Amended and Restated Intergovernmental Agreement ratified as of June 10, 2010. The Commission has made a FOIA request to the City of Kalamazoo seeking to determine how water and sewer rates are calculated.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MTA reported that a bill allowing Sunday liquor sales between 7 a.m. and noon had passed the legislature. The Household Hazardous Waste pill collection was a resounding success again. A board member for the Wastewater Advisory Board may be needed if it is re-activated.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts: \$145,537.10, disbursements: \$188,211.20, transfers to savings to general fund: (\$9,491.73), General fund balance: \$178,871.51, Beginning balance was \$231,037.34, Received since October Board meeting \$29,397.55. Balkema/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer's report for November as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Schug/Balkema moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda suggested that the Board get workmen's compensation quotes from a new self-insuring entity set up by MTA. Art asked about the annual elderly safety program. Fran reported that the luncheon at Gull Lake Sewer Authority was delicious and the new building was impressive. Fran showed the Board a Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to Mary Phillips for many years of service on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Galesburg Winter Wonderland will be next Wednesday, December 1st at 6 p.m...

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk