

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
January 25, 2011

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: Fran Bell, Don Balkema, Art Samson, Brenda Schug and Linda Kramer. Also in attendance: Dennis Ward and Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

There was a motion by Balkema/Samson to approve the agenda with the addition under Old Business of 9g. Wellhead Grant Approval, 9h. Sunday Liquor Sales and under New Business 10c. Walk For Warmth Resolution. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the December 21, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED Samson/Balkema moved to approve the December 23, 2010 special meeting minutes. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning report.
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission reviewed their by-laws and are in discussions about the current Land Use Plan. Balkema/Kramer moved to receive the Planning Commission minutes. CARRIED
8. Don reported that the Fire Board had hired a few new firemen. Samson/Schug moved **to receive the fire report for January**. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Art referenced his November, 2009 memo to the Township Board concerning the items he thought should be included in the wind energy ordinance and noted that some language had been omitted from the current draft that had been included in the previous draft. He thought that the omitted language concerning new and changing technology should be a part of the ordinance and wanted it reinserted into the current draft. Samson/Balkema **moved to send the proposed wind energy ordinance contained in the January 14, 2011 memo from the Planning Commission as amended to include the omitted language to Bruce Dean of Associated Government Services for his general overall and limited input before sending the memo on to the attorney for his review**. CARRIED
- b. Fran reported that the Township has received another check for the court-ordered restitution for expenses related to the hydrant vandalism of April, 2009. The restitution ordered on March 30, 2010 was \$3425. The amount still owing is \$2203.
- c. There will be a board of determination meeting at Galesburg City Hall on February 1, 2011 from 1:30 to 3:30 concerning the matter of the East Corporation County Drain.
- d. Balkema/Samson **moved to appoint Michael Heilman as the Charleston Township representative to the Lawrence Memorial Library Board for a five year term ending January 25, 2016**. CARRIED
- e. Fran presented a copy of the Notice of Lien Pursuant to Security Interest of Charleston Township in Real Property of Galesburg Speedway, LLC at 573 S. 38<sup>th</sup> Street (Parcel No. 3908-19-280-020). The Township Attorney had sought a stipulation that separated the personal bankruptcy of Ralph Warning from his business, Galesburg Speedway, LLC so that the Township could continue efforts to receive reimbursement of attorney fees and costs associated with the most recent dispute between the

Township and Galesburg Speedway as ordered by the court in May of 2010.

- f. Lt. Wally Kipp was available to answer questions by the Board and the audience.
- g. Fran informed the Board that the Township had been approved for wellhead protection grant assistance in the amount of \$7,500 from the Department of Natural Resources.
- h. Samson/Kramer **moved to not take any action to restrict Sunday liquor sales.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. At the request of the Charter Township of Kalamazoo, Samson/Balkema **moved to adopt a resolution of support for the US 131-Business Route 131 Full Interchange Pre-Preliminary Study.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED
- b. Samson/Schug **moved to table action on a revision of the Charleston Township Board Rules.** CARRIED
- c. Schug/Balkema **moved to adopt the Kalamazoo County Community Action Agency 18<sup>th</sup> Walk For Warmth.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; Balkema – Y. CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented communications from the Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail who are hosting their first Polar Bear Run, Household Hazardous Waste who reported a 7% increase in participation in dropping off hazardous waste, and information from the Kalamazoo County Road Commission concerning PAR funds

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$170,858.93, disbursements: \$262,713.59, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$15,301.07), General fund balance: \$123,881.61, Beginning balance was \$231,037.34, Received since December Board meeting \$19,520. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for January 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:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art noted that there was no Appendix A in his new zoning ordinance, so he was keeping his old one. He also said that he is on the County MTA Board and would like suggestions for topics of discussion and/or speakers for the quarterly meetings. He also solicited board member opinions on reducing the size of the Planning Commission from 7 to 5. The consensus of the board was to keep the number at 7. Fran explained that he is working on the budget for 2011/2012 and will need to schedule a special meeting to review his efforts in the near future.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk