

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
March 22, 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, Brenda Schug, Don Balkema, Art Samson and Linda Kramer. Absent: None. Also in attendance: Phil Cole and Reginald Cezar.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES

Motion by Samson/Balkema to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED Balkema/Samson moved to approve the February 22, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

6. No report.
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission elected officers for the year, set the meeting dates, recommended approval for Bex Farms site plan to the Township Board and tabled action on the draft wind energy ordinance for further discussion and consideration of the height requirement. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Don reviewed the Fire Board minutes and answered questions about the report. He noted that Eaton Corporation will donate the money to reimburse the Fire Board for poles for the new warning sirens. Kalamazoo County requested a memo of understanding concerning the siren to be located at Cold Brook Park. Samson/Schug moved to receive the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Balkema/Schug **moved to table action on the Wind Energy Ordinance pending issues to be resolved by the Planning Commission and the Township Attorney.** CARRIED
- b. After some discussion, Samson/Balkema **moved to adopt the practice of using a consent agenda.** CARRIED
- c. Although Lt. Wally Kipp wasn't able to attend the Board Meeting, he left his monthly report for the Board to peruse.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2011/2012 BUDGET

Balkema/Samson moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED The Treasurer gave an overview of the income side of the General Fund Budget as well as the entire Public Safety Budget and the Sewer & Water Budget. The Supervisor reviewed the expense side of the General Fund Budget. At 7:52 p.m. Samson/Balkema moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. CARRIED Linda read the General Appropriations Resolution. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the 2011/2012 General Appropriations Resolution.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; Samson – Y. CARRIED (See attachments) Balkema/Schug **moved to approve the 2011/2012 Fire Board Budget contingent upon receipt of a like amount (\$64,675) from the City of Galesburg.** CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING: BEX FARMS SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUEST

Samson/Balkema moved to recess the regular meeting and go into the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED Phil Cole, representing Bex Farms, explained that the company would follow the dictates of the fill permit and showed the Board a color aerial view map of the fill area. He said that they intended to make the site level with 40th Street not create a mounded area. He noted that the Planning Commission had passed a

motion to recommend approval of the site plan contingent upon Township Board approval of the Special Exception Use. There being no comments from the public, Balkema/Samson moved to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m. Fran said that the earth change permit (county) expired on March 2 and that a new one was in place on March 17, 2011. He also noted that the fill permit fee (township) is a one time only fee. Samson/Balkema **moved to approve the Bex Farms special exception use request.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fran said that Best Way Disposal has agreed to provide disposal services for the Spring Trash Drop Off at the same rate as last fall's Drop Off. Schug/Balkema **moved to authorize the supervisor to enter into a contract with Best Way Disposal for the Spring Drop Off at a date still to be determined and to utilize Craig Newton's volunteers for roadside pickup.** CARRIED
- b. Balkema/Samson moved **to appoint the contract service providers for 2011/2012 as listed.** CARRIED (see attachment)
- c. Balkema/Kramer **moved to approve getting quotes to remove the willow tree on the township property.** CARRIED
- d. Samson/Kramer moved **to adopt the 2011/2012 Meeting Schedule for the Township Board.** CARRIED (see attachment)

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year to Date receipts: \$334,953.13, disbursements: \$290,721.63, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$15,301.63), General fund balance: \$259,967.21, Beginning balance was \$231,037.34, Received since February Board meeting \$160,406.75. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for March as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

CITIZEN TIME

Reginald Cezar asked if the Speedway would be operating this year. Fran said that it would be as far as he knew.

MEMBERS TIME

Don asked about a firewall in the house on L Avenue that burned last month. Fran said that he checked with AGS and that there was a firewall between the garage and the house, but there was a door in it that was left open so the open door acted like a wind tunnel to bring the fire into the ceiling of the kitchen area. Fran also noted that a property that Don had inquired about last month on 40th & M Avenue has a Mercury Drive address and that it is not in violation of any ordinances. Art asked why the trustees had copies of the draft county central dispatch agreement and Fran explained what has been happening with 9-1-1 dispatching. Fran reminded the Board of the Joint Meeting with the City of Galesburg on Thursday, March 24th at 7 p.m. The Road Commission wants to meet with the Board next month at 6:30 before our regular meeting. Fran is going to get quotes for washing the water tower.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Linda Kramer, Clerk

