

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
May 27, 2008

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, Hiestand and Kramer. Also in attendance: Phyllis Rose, Patsy Longfield, Jose Escandon, Jeff Brinks, Rich Pierson, Ann Richmond, Dale Hein and Linda Teeter.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Hiestand/Samson to adopt the agenda with the addition of 9d. Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance – County Contract. CARRIED Samson/Hiestand moved to approve the April 22, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No zoning administrator's report.
7. Art noted that the May 20, 2008 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled. Tele-Site decided to request a variance from the ZBA before they asked for a site plan review from the Planning Commission.
8. Nelson reviewed the Fire Board minutes and the run report. He said that Garry Henson had not heard from Equity Transportation or Swift Trucking, companies that have been invoiced for services provided by the Fire Department. Samson/Hiestand **moved to ask the attorney to go forward with civil and criminal proceedings against Equity Transportation.** CARRIED Swift Trucking is being handled separately. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Report for May. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Fran offered some information from Drain Commissioner Pat Krause on the construction of the Townline Drain project. Because of weight restrictions on roads and wet weather the start date has been delayed until the end of May. Hoffman Brothers, Inc. will be doing the work. Due to the reconstruction of the 35th Street Bridge, traffic is being re-routed through the City of Galesburg. The Drain Commission and the Kalamazoo County Road Commission will be working with the City of Galesburg to minimize any effect the drain project will have on area residents.
- b. The Layne-Northern report on the status of the water tower wells indicated that the south well was in need of cleaning and maintenance and the north well is in good shape. The work on the south well has already been authorized.
- c. After a review of the 9-1-1 Fire Dispatch Agreement Hiestand/Schug moved **to adopt the agreement for one year, to pay \$1179.50 for one year and to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign the agreement with those changes.** CARRIED
- d. The township attorney suggested some revisions to the language of the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance Intergovernmental Contract with Kalamazoo County. Fran thought that the easiest way to handle the change was to rescind the original contract and approve the new version. Hiestand/Samson moved **to rescind the March 25 action adopting the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance Intergovernmental Contract.** CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved **to adopt the copy of the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance Intergovernmental Contract with Kalamazoo County prepared by the township attorney and authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign it.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Dale Hein and Linda Teeter gave a presentation on the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority. Fran asked if service would be provided for those needing transportation to jobs at the Target

Distribution Center in the future. They indicated that the five year plan was to expand to outlying areas.

- b. After a presentation by Jeff Brinks, engineer for the Rambling Trails project, Samson/Hiestand moved **to approve Step 2 of Phase II of the Rambling Trails Development with the provision of all necessary documents.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED
- c. Rich Pierson, Director of Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority, passed out copies of the final proposed Sewage Disposal System Ordinance for the Board to review before the next board meeting and answered questions from the Board and the audience. At Mr. Pierson’s suggestion, Hiestand/Samson moved **to send the proposed ordinance to the township attorney for review.** CARRIED Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority will pay for the review.
- d. After a brief review Hiestand/Schug moved **to approve the assessor’s contract and to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign it.** CARRIED
- e. Hiestand/Samson moved **to authorize the supervisor and the clerk to sign the dust control contract with the Kalamazoo County Road Commission for continuous application at 1350 gallons per mile on 3.67 miles of township gravel roads.** CARRIED
- f. Schug/Samson moved **to pay the Big Marsh Intercounty Drain assessment for 2008 of \$520.45.** CARRIED
- g. After studying the drawing provided by Ralph Warning as part of his request for a building permit, Hiestand/Samson moved **to request a better more detailed diagram of the site and to send the information to the township attorney for review per the court order.** CARRIED
- h. Hiestand/Samson moved **to appoint Norm Zomer as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals if he is willing to serve.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran presented communications from the attorney concerning the Zoning Enabling Act, the River Trailway, the Sea to Sea program, a thank you from Lawrence Memorial Public Library, the KCRC Schedule of Township Mileage and Population, and the 4th quarter report from the Household Hazardous Waste Center.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$42,462.90, disbursements: \$88,783.51, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3.75), General fund balance: \$173,330.42, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since April Board meeting \$36,368.91. Hiestand/Samson moved to accept the Treasurer’s report for May as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

Hiestand/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:

Nelson reported that the Tire Drop-off went very well. Thanks go out to Ken Thoroughman, Jim Whitehead, Pat Reardon, Walt Kohnke, Nelson Hiestand and the workers from K-PEP for their help with the Drop-off. Art requested definitions for the Layne-Northern report so he could understand it. He reported that he has received information from a couple muffler companies but he hasn’t read it yet.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk