

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
June 24, 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: Patsy Longfield, Phyllis Rose, Rich Pierson, Dennis Ward, Sondra Nowak and Township Attorney Craig Rolfe.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Hiestand to adopt the agenda with the addition of 9d. Equity Transportation Unpaid Account and 10h. Wellhead Protection Grant. CARRIED Hiestand/Samson moved to approve the May 27, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented. CARRIED

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. Fran reported that several items are pending at this time.
7. Art noted that the Planning Commission meeting had been cancelled because Tele-Site Inc. (Verizon Wireless) had not yet successfully completed the request for a variance before the ZBA.
7. Nelson stated that the Fire Board ended the fiscal year in the black with a balance of \$53.87. Charleston Township will send the first half of its annual contribution to the Fire Board. Samson/Schug moved to accept the fire report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Hiestand moved **to approve Ordinance #139 Sewer Disposal System Ordinance**. Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED  
Schug/Samson moved **to adopt the Resolution Regarding Sanitary Sewer Charges under the jurisdiction of the Gull Lake Sewer Authority**. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Hiestand – Y. CARRIED At the suggestion of the township attorney, the Board will consider at a future date whether it makes sense to consolidate all township sewer facilities with Gull Lake Sewer Authority instead of having them split between the City of Kalamazoo and the Authority.
- b. Fran indicated that the South Well will require more extensive work than originally thought.
- c. After some discussion of what specifically was involved with the request, Hiestand/Samson moved **to table action on the Galesburg Speedway permit request for 30 days to arrange for a meeting and access to the Speedway**. CARRIED Art was concerned about the potential to violate the Open Meetings Act if several Board members gathered at the Speedway to inspect the fencing. It was decided that the gathering will be posted as a special meeting in order to comply with the Open Meetings Act. Samson/Bell moved **that the attorney will review the document regarding the sound system proposal for Galesburg Speedway and confer with Speedway attorney Shek to get access to the Speedway and indicate why the Board tabled action on the permit request**. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved **to authorize the attorney to proceed with action against the Speedway regarding the ticket booth**. CARRIED
- d. Hiestand/Samson moved **to authorize the supervisor to sign a complaint against Equity Transportation Company for failure to pay \$1420 for services provided by the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department**.CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sondra Nowak, a candidate for judge of the 8<sup>th</sup> District Court, presented the Board with some information about herself. She emphasized her public service and work promoting a Mental Health Treatment Court.
- b. Because of the complexity of the asset portion of the guidelines, Hiestand/Samson moved **to table action on the poverty income guidelines while the Board gathers more information.**  
CARRIED
- c. Samson/Hiestand **moved to approve the issuance of fireworks permits for Vernon Eldridge, and Galesburg Speedway for July 4, 2008 or a rain date pending receipt of all necessary documents and fees and approval of the Fire Chief.** CARRIED Samson abstained.
- d. Hiestand/Samson **moved to designate Craig A. Rolfe, PLLC as Township Attorney.** Roll Call Vote: Hiestand – Y; Kramer – Y; Bell – Y; Schug - ; and Samson – Y. CARRIED Craig has formed his own law firm.
- e. Fran noted that MTA was offering afternoon and evening workshops on special assessments and ordinance enforcement in case anyone was interested in attending.
- f. Lt. Wally Kipp made his quarterly report and remarked that the township had been relatively quiet.
- g. The DEQ evaluation of the township water system indicated that it is satisfactory. There are only two categories – satisfactory and unsatisfactory.
- h. Hiestand/Schug **moved to authorize the supervisor’s signature on the necessary documents to continue participation in the Wellhead Protection Grant Program pending approval by Engineer Brian Rice.** CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran distributed communications concerning GIS, a meth bust at Fort Custer Recreation Area, and a request from Aggregate Resources to construct an additional 30 acre lake for the Board to peruse.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Year to Date receipts \$76,472.24, disbursements: \$120,107.37, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$15,305.31), General fund balance: \$160,714.34, Beginning balance was \$219,654.78, Received since May Board meeting \$34,009.44. Samson/Kramer moved to accept the Treasurer’s report for June as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Patsy asked when the election inspector training dates were. Dennis Ward asked if the minutes had been posted to the website and the procedure for obtaining a burning permit.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda noted that the township was going to get an upgrade in its internet service. Brenda clarified that she was responsible for the small claims action against Equity Transportation. Art indicated interest in the MTA workshops.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Hiestand moved to adjourn at 9:27 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk