

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
February 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, Balkema, Samson, Schug and Kramer. Also in attendance was Lt. Wally Kipp.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Motion by Samson/Balkema to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED Samson/Schug moved to approve the January 26, 2010 regular meeting minutes as presented.

POLICE, FIRE, ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS:

6. No report
7. Art reported that the Planning Commission approved the 2010/2011 meeting schedule. Balkema/Schug moved to receive the Planning Commission report. CARRIED
8. Don detailed the results of the February 17, 2010 Joint Fire Board Meeting and the run report. He also indicated that the Fire Board would reimburse Charleston Township for the cost of pursuing fees owed the Fire Board by Swift Trucking and for the attorney's opinion on whether the Fire Board is classified as an authority. Samson/Schug moved to receive the Fire Board report. CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Samson/Balkema **moved to table action on the healthcare ordinance while Fran consults with the township attorney on a couple of revisions.** CARRIED
- b. Fran reported that Charleston Township had been denied a grant to upgrade the energy efficiency of the hall and other structures. The Department of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth (DELEG) encouraged the township to stay in touch in case other funding becomes available.
- c. Lt. Wally Kipp arrived at 8:20 p.m. to give his monthly report. He had come from Grand Rapids where he was attending an education program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. David Artley, Director of the Office of Resource Development, sent a packet of information concerning the renewal of the Law Enforcement millage.
- b. The Household Hazardous Waste report for the 4th quarter of 2009 indicated that there was a 29% increase in participation by county residents in hazardous waste recycling last year.
- c. The Health & Community Services Department sent a report by the county's waste haulers detailing the tonnage of waste recycled in the county and the township. Charleston recycled approximately 18 tons of waste.
- d. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the Kalamazoo County 17th Walk for Warmth Resolution, a county-wide effort to provide emergency heating assistance to those in need.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Bell – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- e. Fran reported that Consumers Energy has crews trimming trees in the area and will be clearing an area on township property around power lines.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Fran said that the Road Commission has requested to meet with the board on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. John Gisler, Communications Director for the Kalamazoo Citizens for Responsible Government, sent a note about hosting a presentation from Suite Idea, the group proposing a new downtown arena, on Monday, March 1 at Perkins Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Balkema/Samson **moved to authorize payment of**

registration fees for any board member who wishes to attend the Capitol Conference in Lansing.
CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Year to Date receipts \$191,520.90, disbursements: \$299,745.69, transfers from savings to general fund: (\$3,369.18), General fund balance: \$100,514.83, Beginning balance was \$212108.80, Received since January Board meeting \$1598.36. Samson/Balkema moved to accept the Treasurer's report for February as received. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

No comments.

MEMBERS TIME:

Fran reported that KATS would be taking public comment on their four year plan and that EcoFoam would be insulating the perimeter of the township hall attic next week. He provided lawn care and snow removal quotes for the board members to study before the budget special meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 10 a.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk