

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
April 26, 2016

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 were Captain James VanDyken, Joanna Johnson, Daniel Moyle, Travis Bartholomew, Jack Houtkooper, Mary and Tom Phillips, Celeste and Norm Denruyter, Sandy and Bob Felch, Jerry VanderRoest, Veronica Bolhuis and Don Kramer.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkema moved to approve the agenda with the addition of three items under New Business: f. Parking Lot Quote, g. Dust Control Contract, h. Official Motion Appointing Jerry VanderRoest Supervisor Effective May 1, 2016. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Balkema/Schug moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted consisting of:

1. March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2016 Election Commission Meeting
2. Zoning Administrator's Report
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Captain James VanDyken, the temporary liaison officer from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office, brought the most recent calls for service report and answered questions from the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. A number of residents who live on ML Avenue attended the Board meeting to express their dismay and frustration with the process of having their road base rebuilt and a double chip seal applied instead of the asphalt road they preferred. Joanna Johnson and Travis Bartholomew from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) gave a presentation on Road Commission funding from the State and how that money is spent in the county at the township level. They explained the Paser rating system and how it applies to township roads and ML Avenue in particular. They explained what a double chip seal was and why it was recommended for ML Avenue. The Commission representatives answered questions from the residents and defended the Board's decision to double chip seal ML Avenue. Celeste and Norm Denruyter left a letter of protest with the Board but declined to read it aloud. Veronica Bolhuis related the negative impact the road work was having on her graduation party. Sandy and Bob Felch complained of a lack of prior notice. They came home after four days away to find their asphalt road gone and a gravel

road bed in its place. Mary Phillips read a statement. All of the residents present complained that they were not notified of what was going to happen and when. Joanna and Travis explained that they themselves didn't have much notice. They had to move when the material and the workers became available. The Township Board itself didn't receive notice that the project was starting until the day it started, April 11th. The residents left the meeting more or less satisfied that their questions and concerns had been addressed even if they were unhappy about not getting an asphalt road.

- b. Balkema/Samson **moved to formally approve Fran Bell's resignation as Township Supervisor effective April 30th, 2016.** CARRIED
- c. Fran reported that Kamminga and Roodvoets had requested a hydrant use permit to provide water for the Exit 88 project.
- d. Balkema/Schug **moved to reappoint Roger Cutler, William Graham and Chris Balkema to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two- year term ending March 31st, 2018.** CARRIED
- e. After a brief review, Schug/Samson **moved to adopt Ordinance # 153, the Land Division, Combination, and Boundary Adjustment Ordinance.** CARRIED The township attorney suggested that this would be a good opportunity to review application fees charged by the Township with respect to land divisions, combinations and boundary line adjustments.
- f. Fran presented the quote from TM Asphalt for the sealing and restriping of the hall parking lot. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with TM Asphalt to clean and fill parking lot cracks with hot pour rubber, seal the parking lot and restripe it at a cost of \$2070.** CARRIED
- g. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve the 2016 Dust Control Contract with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County which includes continuous application of 18% Mineral Well Brine @ 2,000 gallons per mile (\$.15 per actual gallons applied) on 3.02 miles of township gravel roads and authorize the supervisor to sign the agreement.** CARRIED
- h. Balkema/Samson **moved to formally appoint Jerry VanderRoest as Supervisor for the remainder of the term effective May 1st, 2016.** CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Jerry VanderRoest informed the Board of efforts he had started before his appointment to the supervisor position to put 6 more patrol cars on the road in the county.

MEMBERS TIME:

After a review of the proposed ordinance, some input from Jack Houtkooper and based on the recommendation of the Planning Commission, Samson/Balkema **moved to adopt Ordinance #154 (Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments).** CARRIED Fran reported that Troop Lead Ralph Guitar and his scouts would like to coordinate a trash pickup with the Township's Trash Drop Off on May 14.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Schug moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk