

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
May 24, 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: Vander Roest, Schug, Samson, Balkema and Kramer. Fran Bell sat in with the Board to disseminate information about projects that he had been working on. Ben and Jackie Holtz were also present.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA:

Samson/Balkema moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. April 26, 2016 Meeting Minutes
2. Zoning Administrator's Report
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report

The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Lt. Amy Price sent the Sheriff Department monthly report. There were 94 calls for service in the month of April.
- b. Schug/Vander Roest moved **to table action on the Hazardous Materials Response Agreement Renewal until after the next Supervisors' Meeting.** CARRIED There were questions about who assumes responsibility for the agreement including the annual fees. Either Charleston and Galesburg assume responsibility or the Fire Board does.
- c. Samson/Schug moved to table action on Court Case #14-025-CK. The motion was withdrawn when it was understood that the information was an update on the status of the case.

The Public Hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. was cancelled. The applicant for a liquor license needed to complete the application before the Board could hold the Public Hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Board received a letter of thanks for support from the Lawrence Memorial Library Board President Ralph Weessies. He also noted that there was still a vacancy on the Library Board for a representative from Charleston. He indicated that they would keep trying and hoped that Charleston would speak to anyone who might be interested.
- b. The annual meeting with the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) has been rescheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

- c. Fran explained the history of the East Corporation Drain and indicated that a Day of Review was scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the office of the Kalamazoo County Drain Commissioner, Room 105, 201 West Kalamazoo Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. where the apportionments for benefits, the lands included within the drain district, and the apportionments of charges will be subject to review.
- d. The Board received an update on the status of Court Case #16-0114-CK, which primarily involves the City of Galesburg and the Galesburg Charleston Memorial District Library.

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:

Ben and Jackie Holtz had questions about the status of their property. They had received a letter from Bert Gale of Associated Government Services (AGS) indicating that the additional five acres they had recently purchased didn't have enough road frontage to be a buildable lot in the Single Family Rural Residential Zoning District. They were confused. Brenda suggested that they contact the Assessor, Ben Brousseau about their options. They were also concerned that their property taxes were being lumped together with their neighbor, Paul Stofer's taxes. They had purchased the five acres from Mr. Stofer.

MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry submitted a Supervisor's report to the Board that included items like checking to see if MDOT insurance covers the township's sewer and water during the I-94 bridge construction project and meeting with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War who would like to repair 11 veterans' stones in Territorial (Lawler) Cemetery. Fran noted that the Township collected \$430 at the Trash Drop Off. He also contacted Republic Waste about two packer trucks being sent to the Drop Off at the same time and the fact that the metal container was not picked up immediately after the Drop Off as was expected. Jim Whitehead's help using his loader to make room in the metal container was invaluable. Jerry and Fran also discussed the need for repairs to the water tower. The latest inspection revealed paint chipping and deterioration in some areas of the tower. Fran is checking with vendors to get quotes for paint and repair. Jerry will send a letter to John Keith of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War confirming his authorization to perform work in Lawler Cemetery. The Township is also looking for volunteers to help with repair on the fence around Lawler Cemetery. Brenda said that she sent Eaton a letter in February about the IFT refund they owe the Township, but she still has not heard from them.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk