

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
August 23, 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: Samson, Schug, Balkema, Vander Roest and Kramer. Also in attendance: Tim Hudson and Rich Pierson.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

A motion was made by Balkema/Schug to adopt the agenda with the addition of two items. Under Old Business item d. Refer County Hazmat Intergovernmental Agreement to Fire Board for Approval and e. Approval of Settlement Agreement: Galesburg vs. District Library. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. July 26, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
8. District Library Minutes
9. Attorney Fees

The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The water tower inspection has been completed. A full report is forthcoming next week.
- b. Jerry reported that he is still working on a possible non-motorized bicycle lane along McCollum. It is possible it will be a part of the Corporation Drain project that includes a rebuild of McCollum.
- c. Rich Pierson from Gull Lake Sewer Authority and Tim Hudson from the Kalamazoo Regional Water and Wastewater Commission appeared before the Board to make a couple of suggestions. The first one was for the Township to hire Gull Lake Sewer Authority to maintain the Township's sewer infrastructure for a fee. Currently, the Township pays the City of Kalamazoo to maintain the area encompassing McCollum/E. Michigan, Wren Acres/Pinehill and 40th St/L Ave. The other possibility was for the Board to consider transferring ownership of the township's sewer infrastructure to Gull Lake Sewer Authority, thus relieving the Township of the liability for maintenance and repairs. The Board will spend some time considering the proposal.
- d. Vander Roest/Samson **moved to refer the County Hazmat Intergovernmental Agreement to the Fire Board for approval.** CARRIED
- e. After a review of the particulars of the agreement Balkema/Samson **moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the settlement agreement as one of the named defendants in the City of Galesburg vs. Galesburg Memorial District Library lawsuit.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Schug – Y; and Samson – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. After some discussion about service providers, quotes and dates, the Supervisor will obtain quotes and October dates for the Fall Trash Drop Off. The newsletter mailing will be coordinated with the Trash Drop Off.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZENS' TIME:

No comments.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art Samson provided the results of his search for attorney use policies from other municipalities. The only one he found was from Texas Township, and it was a much simpler version than the one Charleston presently has. The Board will consider a revision of its policy based on the information from Texas Township. The item has been placed on the agenda for September 27th. Brenda reported that Fran's contact with Mike Galloway from Eaton's resulted in a letter indicating that a check for \$124,045.22 from Eaton Corporation for a refund of the revoked Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate (IFEC) will be processed as soon as possible. Eaton accepted the township's offer to waive \$14,176.88 of the total due. Jerry explained the potential rainwater runoff problem in the vicinity of Exit 88 due to the way the exit was constructed. He also noted that he met with the Road Commission about funding for local roads. He is also attending the Supervisors' Meeting and will make a presentation on the findings of his research as he did briefly for the Township Board. He is also looking into the definition of capital improvements.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk