

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
December 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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: Schug, VanderRoest, Samson, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance: Joanna Johnson, Travis Bartholomew, Mark Worden, Ryan Minkus, Jeff Troyer, David Rachowicz, Carl Newton, Doug Smith, Larry Hunt and several families that live along Miller Drive and in Wren Acres.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. November 22, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Communications
3. Treasurer's Report

The motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. In regards to the Medical Marijuana Regulations, the Board opted to do nothing as allowed by State legislation. Therefore, there will be no medical marijuana activities in Charleston Township.
- b. Jerry reported that the Township Attorney is making some progress in finding proof of ownership for Toad Hollow Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ryan Minkus from the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County explained to township residents the process used to determine whether a road is considered a primary road or a secondary or local road. Road Commission members answered questions from Board members and township residents about changing Miller Drive from a primary to a secondary road including why it was happening and how the road would be handled after it became a local road. The Road Commission said that they have made the decision to change the road based on the county-wide study they did. Art asked what options there were to change the decision. Several Board members will attend the next Road Commission meeting to protest the change.
- b. Jeff Troyer from County Dispatch explained the reasons why consolidation of the five county dispatch operations (County, Kalamazoo City, Portage, WMU and Kalamazoo Township) would be beneficial and why it is going to cost an additional \$1.81 per phone per month to fund the operation. The question on whether to approve the increase will be on the May 2, 2017 ballot.
- c. David Rachowicz, director of Kalamazoo County Parks, described the location of the last leg of the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail that will connect with the Battle Creek Linear Park. When finished, the trail will connect a stretch of non-motorized trail from South Haven to

Battle Creek. The Parks Foundation has privately raised \$400,000 of its \$2 million goal for the project. Additional funds will come from Federal grants.

- d. VanderRoest/Schug **moved to approve the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study's Contributed Service Agreement for fiscal year 2018 with a \$25 cash payment in addition to the \$75 worth of in-kind contributed services for a total of \$100 and to authorize the Supervisor's signature. CARRIED**
- e. Samson/Balkema **moved to continue the Household Hazardous Waste contract services for 2017 with a funding allotment of \$1600. CARRIED**
- f. Balkema/Samson **moved to accept the resignation of Norm Zomer from the Zoning Board of Appeals and send a letter of appreciation to him. CARRIED** Kramer/Schug **moved to reappoint all the people on the attached list to their respective positions for the indicated terms and recruit a couple of people for the ZBA and Lawrence Library Board. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; VanderRoest – Y; Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y. CARRIED**

#### READING & DISPOSITION BILLS

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

#### CITIZEN TIME:

Larry Hunt expressed his concerns with semi-truck traffic getting off Exit 88, missing their turn and driving down 40<sup>th</sup> Street and Fort Custer Drive. He suggested a sign that reads "No Through Traffic". Jerry told him that the Board had sent letters to MDOT and the Road Commission requesting additional signage, but there hasn't been a reply from the Road Commission yet.

#### MEMBERS TIME:

Several Board members will attend the 3 p.m. Road Commission meeting on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> when the Commission will act to turn Miller Drive from a primary to a local road.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. **CARRIED**

Linda Kramer, Clerk