

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
February 28, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 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, VanderRoest, and Kramer. Also present were: Don Mathews.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.
2. January 30, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
4. Planning Commission Report
5. Communications – The Board declined to support the Kal County Consolidated Dispatch Proposition for 911 System Funding as this time.
6. Treasurer’s Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Attorney Rolfe communicated that Devon Title has “exhausted all our avenues to root this title (Toad Hollow Cemetery) into the Township.” He added that “the company’s title search efforts have not disclosed any deed representing clear title to the cemetery property held by any party at this time.” After some discussion about options, the Board appointed the Supervisor to confer with the attorney about the least expensive option for the Board to pursue.
- b. After a review of the proposed text, Samson/Schug **moved to adopt the proposed amendments (Private Non-Commercial Clubs and Farm Markets & Agricultural Uses) to the zoning ordinance.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; VanderRoest – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED The amendments will comprise Ordinance #155.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. After a discussion of the options, VanderRoest moved to include ML Avenue with no fog seal and the first quarter mile of North 38th Street in the 2017 Road Projects. The motion died for lack of support. Balkema/Samson **moved to chip seal ML Avenue with no fog seal and chip seal L Avenue with no fog seal as the 2017 Road Projects.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; VanderRoest – N; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- b. At the conclusion of discussion and budget adjustments, Balkema/Samson **moved to present the budget for a Public Hearing.** 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:

Don Mathews addressed the Board about making some efforts to make Charleston a community where neighbors get to know each other again, help each other out and perhaps get together for an annual potluck. The Board approved of his intentions, but wondered how successful his efforts would be considering how busy people are now and how times have changed.

MEMBERS TIME:

Brenda showed the Board a copy of a check she received from the Local Community Stabilization Authority as part of the 2017 Personal Property Tax Reimbursement. All municipalities lost revenue when a large number of personal property taxes were eliminated. The legislature had promised a fix to the problem of lost revenue. The Local Community Stabilization Share Tax seems to be the fix. Linda reminded the Board that last year the Board agreed to a one year maintenance program for the generator from Steensma Lawn & Power Equipment. The one year agreement has expired and Linda recommended a two- year maintenance agreement with one inspection per year to get a 10% savings. Kramer/Balkema **moved to extend the maintenance agreement with Steensma to two years with one inspection per year at a cost of \$279.95.** CARRIED Jerry explained that Northern Pump & Well tested the south well and found that pumping capacity had decreased 19%. They suggested pulling the pump and doing a video inspection of the well. VanderRoest/Schug moved to approve an agreement with Northern Pump & Well to pull the pump in the south well. The motion was withdrawn while Jerry gets some more information. Jerry will also confer with the attorney about revised Land Division, Combination, and Boundary Adjustment Ordinance application forms. Due to health issues, Linda Behnke may not be able to serve on the upcoming Board of Review. VanderRoest/Kramer **moved to appoint Fran Bell as an emergency alternate to the Board of Review for March 13 and 14, 2017.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk