

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
June 28, 2016

6:00 Meeting with The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC)

Joanna Johnson gave a presentation on Road Commission funding from the State and how that money is spent in the county. Commission representatives and members answered questions from Township Board members.

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, Samson, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Also in attendance were Joanna Johnson, Daniel Moyle, Deb Buchholtz, and Travis Bartholomew.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

The Board continued its questions of the Road Commission representatives until all questions had been answered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. May 23, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Planning Commission Report
3. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
4. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Library Minutes
8. Attorney's Report
9. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that the Township Attorney has requested a signature on a Final Order and Judgment of Title by Default regarding Toad Hollow from Judge Lipsey of the Circuit Court. The requirements for quiet title action have been met.
- b. In spite of an agreement that the Township made with the owner and managers of the Galesburg Speedway to rectify eight ordinance violations by Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> so that the building inspector could verify that the violations have been corrected, neither the Township or the Building Inspector received a call asking for an inspection nor was anyone available when the Supervisor or the Building Inspector attempted several times to make the required inspection. The Township Board had generously allowed the Speedway an extra 30 days to correct the violations brought to the Speedway's attention in early April. The Board's attempts to get along with the Speedway have apparently been ignored. Samson/Balkema **moved to have Bert Gale or Jerry VanderRoest call Galesburg Speedway to set up an appointment for an inspection when**

**Bert returns from vacation. CARRIED**

- c. At the May 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting, the Supervisor informed the owner and managers of Galesburg Speedway that the Township was again required to issue fireworks permits for commercial public displays. The Speedway group was informed that the fee was \$150 for a permit and the request for a permit along with the required insurance documents needed to be presented to the Supervisor as soon as possible so that he had enough time to notify the State and the Fire Chief. The Fourth of July is a week away and the Township has not yet received the Speedway's request for a fireworks permit.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Jerry reported that, at a meeting with Bert & Vicky Gale of AGS, it was decided that the Assessor would get a copy of all permits and plans that he was free to throw away when he was finished with them because the Township would store the original permits and plans permanently.
- b. After a brief discussion, VanderRoest/Samson **moved to table action on the Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority proposal. CARRIED** Board members should send questions about the proposal to the Supervisor.
- c. The Supervisor related that property owners on 38<sup>th</sup> St had built a pole barn without a permit and without a house being there first as required by Township Ordinance. In spite of letters of warning that had been sent, the property owners had failed to respond. The Board agreed to give them one more notice before taking civil action against them.

**READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:**

Balkema/Samson moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED Linda presented a list of four budget items that needed to be adjusted. Samson/Balkema **moved that \$1063 be transferred from the contingency fund to Election Salaries (\$75), Assessor Fieldwork (\$600), Equipment Maintenance (\$80) and Twp. Street Lighting (\$308) to adjust those budget line items. CARRIED**

**CITIZEN TIME:**

There was no one in attendance.

**MEMBERS TIME:**

Linda read the Principles of Governance that had been sent to the Township by MTA (Michigan Townships Association) in the hope that the principles would be adopted. Every Board member signed the document and it was posted on the wall in the Meeting Room.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

VanderRoest/Balkema moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk