

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
September 26, 2017

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. Lt. Amy Price and State Representative Dave Maturen were also in attendance.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Balkema/Samson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of d. Wellhead Protection Grant under Old Business and d. Appointment of Fran Bell to the County's Environmental Health Advisory Council as Township Representative. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. August 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
3. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
4. Communications
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Attorney's Report
7. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported on the progress made by Galesburg Speedway in correcting their non-conforming use violations. They have a few violations left to correct and are required to have the remaining violations corrected by no later than November 28, 2017. Brenda mentioned that the new owners had paid all back taxes.
- b. Schug/Balkema moved **to allow Mrs. Baliff's request her son's ashes be buried in a biodegradable container as opposed to a recoverable container as stated in the Township's Cemetery Rules provided that she signs an affidavit acknowledging that the ashes will be unrecoverable. The Township Sexton is required to bury the cremains.** CARRIED
- c. VanderRoest/Balkema **moved to retain ownership of the Township's sewer and water system, but to begin negotiations with Gull Lake Sewer and Water Authority to have them perform operations, maintenance and management of the Sewer System only with the Township retaining ownership of the pipes and lift stations.** CARRIED
- d. Jerry explained all that had been accomplished by the Wellhead Protection Grant. Fleis

and Vandenbrink recommends that the Wellhead Protection program be updated in five years. Until then the Township will not apply for any more grants.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. VanderRoest/Schug **moved to appoint Alice Berger, 14599 Lonchar Drive as the township representative to the Lawrence Memorial Library Board for a five- year term ending 2022. CARRIED**
- b. Jerry specified the steps he needs to take to establish new water rates for water delivered to the Township's customers.
- c. The Board decided to send a postcard out prepared by Lake Michigan Mailers announcing the Trash Drop Off on October 21, 2017
- d. Balkema/Samson **moved to appoint Fran Bell as the Township's representative to the Environmental Health Advisory Council (EVAC) for a three- year term. CARRIED** Fran has been on the Council since 1989.

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:

State Representative Dave Maturen thanked the Township Board for their ongoing support of the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department. He noted their professionalism and the fact that they had all the equipment they needed to extract him from his car when he had a very serious accident on the corner of MN Avenue and South 38<sup>th</sup> Street in June from which he is still recovering. Dave had previously thanked the Fire Department at the Galesburg Charleston Joint Fire Board meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry noted the terrible paving job on M-96. It will be repaired. The area by the railroad tracks on McCollum will be paved. The Township may have to take the next step if the Postlewaits don't pay for a building permit and provide a lot diagram indicating the correct placement of a shed by October 10<sup>th</sup>. Jerry said he will pursue grant money to help with scrap tire removal. The Department of Defense chose Fort Custer as a site for a project aimed at reducing costs for reliable energy among military facilities. Go Electric will implement a demonstration microgrid project at the Fort funded by a contract from the DOD. Brenda said summer tax collection is finished. Linda reminded the Board that the October Board Meeting starts at 4:00 p.m. as will every meeting through March. Don reported that the Fire Department has a grant for a CPR machine, but the Fire Department may be unable to use it. It must be approved by Dr. William Fales, an emergency specialist for all the Fire Departments in the County.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk