

Charleston Township
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2017

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:

The Clerk called the roll and members present were: Vander Roest, Schug, Samson, Balkema and Kramer.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkema moved to approve the agenda. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Planning Commission Minutes
3. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Attorney's Report
8. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that he had met with Rich Pierson of Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority and discussed what happens next now that the Township has asked for a bid to have GLSWA manage and maintain the Township's sewer system. One of the things that need to be done is to get a list of Township assets from the City of Kalamazoo. The City currently manages the Township's sewer assets. The sewer rates will remain approximately the same.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry related that he had spoken with Mike Engels from Michigan Rural Water Association. Mr. Engels has agreed to help the Township establish water rates sufficient to cover expenses as required by the State of Michigan. The Township agreed to gather the information he requires to determine what the rate should be. This should save Mr. Engels time and effort and expedite the establishment of water rates that will not require a subsidy from the General Fund.

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:

No one was present.

MEMBERS TIME:

Linda recommended the budget adjustments that are required for the third quarter of the year. VanderRoest/Samson **moved to transfer \$1620 from the Contingency Fund to adjust the budget amounts for the following accounts: Audit - \$300, Zoning Administration - \$750, and Twp Street Lighting - \$570 and to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Water Enterprise Fund to cover shortages in that Fund.** CARRIED Jerry reported that the Township had established a record for the amount of trash collected for the Trash Drop Off. He also said that he was working with Rich Pierson of GLS&WA to cover sewer from the Time Out Lounge to the bridge. He related that Matt Elliott would like to establish a canoe rental and bait shop on the lot next to the Time Out Lounge. Jerry said that he is working on a grant for tire pickups, and that he met with the Galesburg-Augusta Superintendent to discuss future plans for land use by the schools in Charleston Township. He said that the traffic count on Miller Drive lasted for three days but we don't have a report yet. He reported that we will soon be talking about Road Commission projects for next year. There was a brief discussion of the HAZMAT study and the question of who establishes the budget for HAZMAT was asked.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Schug moved to adjourn at 4:28 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk