

Charleston Township  
Regular Meeting  
December 19, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 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: Samson, Vander Roest, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Tom McGhee was also present.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. November 28, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Communications
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Library Minutes
5. Attorney's Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Township Board had a long discussion about whether to provide sewer access to a small section of the township on Michigan Avenue from McCollum to the river. The cost to the township would be \$35,000 and would come from the Sewer Fund. Jerry made a motion to provide sewer to the area for \$35,000 contingent upon purchase of the property and provided that the owner of the property takes out a building permit and pays his cost of \$13,000. Linda supported the motion, but the motion failed on a voice vote of 2 ayes and 3 nays. The Board had unanswered questions on the subject, so they decided to ask the questions of Rich Pierson from Gull Lake Sewer at the next Board meeting.
- b. Jerry reported that Galesburg Speedway had completed removal of all tires from the premises of the Speedway. That was one of the items on a list of items that needed to be managed. The grandstand in the pit area still needs to be inspected by an engineer, and a building permit obtained for the elevated grandstands. Receptacle covers need to be installed on several receptacles in the pit area. When those items are completed, all the 8 items on the list will have been taken care of. Mr. McGhee wanted to finish the remaining two items in the spring, but the Board wanted them completed as soon as possible, noting that several years had passed for some of the violations. Balkema/Samson **moved to grant 60 additional days to Mr. McGhee to complete the remaining two items.** CARRIED Jerry also explained to Mr. McGhee that race cars are not allowed to be left on the property. They must be removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry described the route of the proposed Kalamazoo River Valley Trail from the High School to Fort Custer Recreation Area. The proposed route will have to be adjusted in several places because of the impact on residents.
- b. **Kramer/Schug moved to approve the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study's Contributed Service Agreement for fiscal year 2019 in the amount of \$100 of in-kind contributed services and to authorize the Supervisor to sign it.**
- c. **Balkema/Samson moved to continue Charleston Township's involvement in the Residential Waste Reduction Program with an annual fee of \$166.67. CARRIED**
- d. **Schug/Samson moved to adopt the 2018 Poverty Guidelines with a 15% increase from the Federal Poverty Guidelines and an asset level test of \$15,000. CARRIED**
- e. Jerry reminded the Board that he would be making a presentation to the Road Commission on December 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. He will present all letters and emails from Miller Drive residents and others who drive Miller in an effort to change the minds of the Board of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County about making Miller Drive a secondary road instead of a primary road. He asked that all Township Board members attend the meeting to voice support for leaving Miller a primary road.

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:

Brenda asked if Rich Pierson would be attending the next Township Board meeting. She was assured that he would be there. Don mentioned a house on L Avenue that has several cars parked all over the lot. He also reported that the Fire Department will be losing two firemen. Jerry explained that the fee for Hazmat participation will remain \$1400 for 2018 while the members work to resolve disagreements. He also reported that the Township had received a grant of \$1800 to conduct another Tire Drop Off. Now the Township must find a Michigan based business to dispose of the tires.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balklema/Samson moved to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk