

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
April 26, 2018

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: VanderRoest, Balkema, Samson, Schug and Kramer. Also present were: Dave Pawloski, Joanna Johnson, Phil Cole, Pat Reardon, Amy Price, Dan Balkema, and Rebecca Henderson.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Samson/Balkema moved to approve the agenda with the addition under Old Business of b. Resolution to Set the Salary of Board Officers. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. March 27, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
3. Planning Commission Report
4. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
5. Communications
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Library Minutes
8. Attorney's Report
9. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/Minutes
10. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Supervisor reported that the Township had not yet received a letter from the City of Kalamazoo concerning the Township's plans to contract with Gull Lake Sewer Authority. When we do contract with GLSA, residents will obtain a permit from AGS and pay the township for hookup and benefits. Gull Lake Sewer Authority will also have a permit.
- b. Balkema/Samson **moved to adopt the Resolution to Set the Salary for Officers Composing the Township Board.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; VanderRoest – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Joanna Johnson, Managing Director of the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County, explained that the State had provided additional road funds that did not require a township match. Charleston's share was \$6,231. Balkema/Samson **moved that the additional road funds be used to reduce the Township's share of the North 38th Street project.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; VanderRoest – N; Schug – N; Samson – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED Joanna also asked that the Board reconsider meeting with the Road Commission which it did. Joanna said that an expert was being brought back to the area to investigate the chip seal problems on L

Avenue among others. Mark Worden will mark North 38th Street for the 5200 feet that will be repaired.

- b. Samson/Balkema **moved to note and decline to take any action on the matter of a Kalamazoo County ID program.** CARRIED
- c. VanderRoest/Balkema **moved to table action on Township road funding for 30 days until the next meeting.** CARRIED
- d. Jerry explained that he had spent considerable time filling out a DEQ water system report, the first one in five years.
- e. Jerry related that he had a new estimate on the repairs to the south well. It will be \$8,000 less than anticipated.
- f. Jerry reported that he had received gravel mining permit applications from Henry Valkema, Lone Eagle, and Hoffman Brothers. Dan Balkema and Phil Cole represented Midway and Aggregate Resources at the Board meeting. Since they had just turned in their packets that day, Balkema/Samson **moved to approve all the gravel mining permits and authorize the Supervisor to sign the permits provided that all the requirements have been met.** CARRIED
- g. After some discussion of the issue, Kramer/Samson **moved to table action on decisions about the definition and duties of the Zoning Administrator.** 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:

Rebecca Henderson explained the origin of the trash problem at the Old World Village and reported that the ordinance violation had been corrected. Some Board members were able to verify her statement because they had seen pictures of the before and after from the owner. Pat Reardon asked about the well drilling businesses that were soliciting contracts from residents in the 38th Street area. He complained that the contract was not specific enough, looked fraudulent and was not up front about possible costs deducted from property owners. He also thought the offered compensation was inadequate.

MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry reported that the Wellhead grant and reports were completed. He signed with the Michigan company Cobalt for the Tire Drop Off this fall. He also sent in the permit applications to the RCKC and DEQ for the sewer project.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk