

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
June 26, 2018

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:

Roll was called, and members present were: VanderRoest, Balkema, Schug, Kramer and Samson. Also present were Bert Gale and Kevin Nigg.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. May 22, 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 Report

Under Communications, Vander Roest/Samson **moved to authorize the clerk to either attend a seminar on Cemetery Management or buy the book from MTA.** CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry related that the City of Kalamazoo would like a meeting to discuss a transfer meter for sewer and water now that Charleston is terminating its agreement with Kalamazoo and switching to an agreement with Gull Lake Sewer & Water. GLS&W will help the Township with an agreement with Battle Creek. The Township is also looking at an agreement with the Village of Augusta for sewer in the M-96 corridor.
- b. Jerry said the work on M-96 has been completed. The workers are ready to cut driveways on North 38<sup>th</sup> Street. L Avenue has had a new chip seal coat added at no cost to the township. The chip seal of East Michigan has also been completed.
- c. There was some discussion on the designation of the Zoning Administrator. Bert Gale from AGS was in attendance to help the Board find a satisfactory solution to the question of who is actually Zoning Administrator. Linda gave a history from the minutes that indicated that Bert Gale, representing AGS, is the Zoning Administrator. Jerry will continue to be the first person that residents will talk to about their requests. Jerry will refer them to Bert. The Board will decide on another title for Jerry's part in the process. Linda was concerned about communication between the Supervisor, AGS and the Attorney. She wanted to be sure that the Supervisor was keeping

them in the loop with regular communication among them. The Supervisor was intent upon saving money for the Township by handling some issues himself. Linda pointed out that AGS is on retainer so regular communication with AGS would not incur additional charges. The Attorney does charge for communication by phone or email, but Linda thought the money is well spent if regular communication keeps the Township out of trouble. Brenda disagreed. She was concerned about the amount of money paid annually to the Attorney and wanted to minimize the expense. It was agreed that Jerry would keep in touch with the Attorney and Zoning Administrator on a weekly basis by sending an email update of what is happening in the Township. The Board will take up the Attorney Use Policy soon.

Bert asked the Board what they wanted to do about the Postlewaite problem. Apparently, the Postlewaites have ignored all attempts to get them into compliance with Township ordinances. The next step would be for the Township to remove the buildings that are not in compliance. It was suggested that the Township get bids on removal of the buildings

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that he had a conversation with Fred Upton about the location of the missile base. If Fort Custer is chosen, of the two sites it looks like it will be located in the portion of Fort Custer closest to Battle Creek.
- b. Kevin Nigg, representing the Galesburg-Charleston Memorial District Library, explained the need for additional millage for the Library and hoped that the Board would support the millage request on the August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary ballot.
- c. Jerry reported that Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority offered to help the Township with a water and sewer agreement with Battle Creek for the Exit 92 area of the Township. He also reported that he had a conversation with Richard Schmidt about his property that currently is a solar farm. Jerry was contacted by a company from Phoenix, Arizona that is considering buying the Andrews Estates mobile home park. They indicated that they wanted sewer to the property.

#### READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Samson/Balkema moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED

#### CITIZENS TIME:

Kevin Nigg offered some observations about the Township and how it is perceived by some of its residents.

#### MEMBERS TIME:

Brenda related that she now has her BS&A Special Assessment Program.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk