

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
September 25, 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: Vander Roest, Schug, Kramer, Balkema and Samson. Residents Jim Whitehead, Anne Niewenhuis, Phil Larson, and Alice Berger were also present.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Balkema/Schug moved to approve the agenda with 2 additions: Item b. Galesburg/Charleston Memorial District Library Board Township Representative Appointments under Old Business and Item f. Audit under New Business. CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. August 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minute
2. Fire Department – Joint Fire Board Report
3. Zoning Administrator’s Report/Building Permits
4. Planning Commission 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

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. The Board briefly discussed the break-in and the possible need for a security system that would include fire protection. It was suggested that the Township ask its insurance company for information and recommendations on what equipment would be best. Samson/Balkema moved to table action on a security system for a future meeting. CARRIED
- b. Upon the recommendation of the Galesburg Charleston Memorial District Library Board, Schug/Samson **moved to appoint Anne Niewenhuis to a four- year three- month term and Karen Wilson to a four- year term as Board representatives from the Township.** CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry proposed expanding the Industrial Park and urged the Board to recommend that expansion to the Planning Commission. After some discussion, it was decided to let the Planning Commission finish its revision of the Land Use Plan before any further discussion.
- b. After some discussion, the Board decided to keep the interest rate for sewer hookup and usage at 7%. After some explanation, Vander Roest/Schug **moved to ask the Township Attorney to**

draft a contract offer which will be good until 12/31/2018 with Four Peaks, LLC to finance sewer benefits for 20 years at 6% interest in the amount of \$167,250 if they decide to purchase Andrews Estates. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y, Schug – Y, Vander Roest – Y, Kramer – Y, and Balkema – Y. CARRIED

- c. Jerry said it was suggested that the fire hydrants need repainting. He thought it might be a good project for the firefighters. Samson/Balkema **moved to table action on painting the fire hydrants to allow Don to talk to the firefighters.** CARRIED
- d. Jerry demonstrated the need for a dedicated road millage through facts, figures, and slides. He invited public comment. Anne Niewenhuis offered her full support for the millage. There was further discussion among the rest of the citizens. Alice Berger wondered when the tax increases would end. There was no stated opposition.
- e. Balkema/Schug **moved to adopt the Charleston Township Board Resolution to Approve Pursuant to MCL 247.670 a 0.5 Mill Property Tax Levy for the Maintenance/Improvement of County Roads within the Township for Levy in 2018.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y, Vander Roest – Y, Schug – Y, Samson – Y, and Kramer – Y. CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZENS TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

Art withdrew his resignation. His wife is now in stable condition. Balkema/Schug **moved to authorize Linda to spend up to \$1000 on a replacement laptop for the one that was stolen in the break-in.** CARRIED Jerry presented a list of items. Among them was the approval of final plans for the Kalamazoo Valley River Trail which should be completed in 2020. The Gull Lake Sewer audit indicates that the Authority is in good shape. The Trash Drop Off will be October 13 and the Tire Drop Off will be October 20th. Both will be from 8:00 until noon. It was discovered that fiber optic cables were in the way of the sewer project. The Road Commission allowed the work to be completed on the north side of the road. The cost of the project will be the same even though the pipes will be placed under the road. Jerry is still trying to find the best lighting option for the 40th and Michigan area.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Samson moved to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk