

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
November 27, 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. John Crumb and Kathy VanderRoest were also present.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

1. October 23, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
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. Vander Roest/Schug **moved to adopt the proposed Ordinance 156 “Ordinance to Completely Prohibit Marihuana Establishments within Charleston Township Pursuant to Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act”**. Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Balkema – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED
- b. Jerry reported that the total cost for the second break-in was \$2683. The deductible was \$250 so the amount the Township should receive from the insurance company is \$2433. Jerry also reported that Dave’s Security had completed the installation of the security system and the invoice had been received.
- c. In a discussion between the Joint Fire Board and the firefighters about painting the fire hydrants, it was suggested that the cadets could possibly do the job. There was some discussion about paint color. The color is dependent upon the type of hydrant. The painting will be reviewed again in the spring.
- d. Jerry related that the proposed street light at East Michigan and South 40th St will be an LED light.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. John Crumb from Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority explained the condition of the generators

at the river lift station and the Eaton lift station. One was able to be repaired and one needs to be replaced. The City of Kalamazoo has agreed to be responsible for it.

- b. Charleston's main road project for 2019 will be finishing North 38th Street with an additional 2 inches of asphalt and final minor roadside adjustments. If there are any funds left, the Board will consider what else can be done.
- c. John Crumb explained the problem of leachate buildup in the sewer pipe under 40th Street that appears to be coming from the KVG Landfill now owned by Georgia Pacific. The leachate was discovered when GLS&WA was inspecting the condition of the sewer lines before they take over maintenance of the system on January 1, 2019. The pipes must be cleaned before a camera can inspect the interiors. Responsibility for the problem is being determined. **Mr. Crumb recommended that the Township Attorney be put on notice of the problems in the sewer lines from the landfill.**
- d. Balkema/Kramer **moved to continue with the Household Hazardous Waste Center as licensing agent for the municipalities that enacted the Residential Waste Reduction Ordinance and to pay the fee of \$166.67.** CARRIED
- e. Although Charleston Township will continue to cooperate with local officials on the coordination of infrastructure, the Board declined to spend \$500 per year on an ESRI software license.
- f. Balkema/Samson **moved to accept with regret the resignation of Brent Sinon from the Galesburg Charleston Memorial District Library.** CARRIED
- g. Schug/Balkema **moved to adopt the 2019 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines with a \$15,000 asset test.** Roll Call Vote: Samson – Y; Schug – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED
- h. Jerry reported that trash bags filled with asbestos siding had been dumped in two areas in the township. He also related that bags had been dumped in Climax and Pavilion as well. It was suggested that the Board check with the insurance company to see if there is any coverage for removal of hazardous materials and to get some estimates. Balkema/Samson **moved to authorize the supervisor to use his best judgment in selecting a removal expert and contract with them to remove the bags.** 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

CITIZENS TIME:

No comments were offered.

MEMBERS TIME:

No comments were offered.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Samson/Balkema moved to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk