

Special Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
June 18, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

The Supervisor called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Roll was called and members present were: VanderRoest, Moravek, Schug, Balkema, and Kramer  
Attorney Craig Rolfe and John Crumb from GLS&W were also present.

BUSINESS:

The Board met to discuss the controversy of what roles the Supervisor and GLS&WA played in the cleanup of the sewer pipes in the vicinity of Georgia-Pacific. John Crumb explained that in the letter of agreement between Charleston Township and Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority, the Authority assumed responsibility for the Township's sewer infrastructure and protection of the Township interests. In the interest of clarification, Craig Rolfe explained how he came to be involved in the misunderstanding between John and Jerry and reiterated that who is in charge of the sewer infrastructure is a legal issue. Charleston has an agreement with GLS&WA, who has a contract with Plummer's, who has a contract with TetraTech, who has a contract with Georgia-Pacific. It is the responsibility of GLS&WA to oversee the sewer pipe cleaning. The Supervisor has no authority to manage, steer or oversee the project.

The attorney questioned why the Board has retained ownership of the sewer infrastructure instead of selling it to the Authority. The Board will reconsider its current position. He also prompted the Board to make use of his services because it is his job to keep the Township out of legal trouble. In order to do his job he needs to know what is happening in the Township.

Jerry gave a quick update on a potential buyer for the Schmitt property which is being considered for a rezoning from Agriculture -2 to Light Industrial.

Kramer/Moravek moved to appoint Craig Rolfe, PLLC as Township Attorney for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Roll Call Vote: Moravek – Y; Schug – Y; Vander Roest – No; Kramer – Y; and Balkema – Y. CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Schug moved to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk

