

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
June 25, 2019

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, Moravek, Schug, Balkema and Kramer. Also present was Karen Wagar.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. May 28, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. June 20, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
- d. Communications
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Attorney's Report
- g. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/ Minutes
- h. Library Minutes & Report
- i. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- j. Fire Reports

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry explained that while cleaning the sewer lines on 40th St., three cracks were discovered in the new lines that were part of the Exit 88 project. Jerry discussed the situation with MDOT. He also broached the subject of revising the cost of selling Township water on a single use basis. The Board will reconsider the fees.
- b. Based on the recommendation of the Township Attorney, Balkema/Moravek **moved to adopt Ordinance 158, the Consumer Energy Franchise Agreement.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that the Trash Drop Off cost the Township approximately \$2500 after the per vehicle fee and the metal recycling is subtracting from the total of approximately \$3000. The Board will discuss ideas to revise the Trash Drop Off.
- b. Vander Roest/ Schug **moved to approve the Agreement for Removal of Existing Family Dwelling Upon Completion of New Single-Family Dwelling on Parcel No. 3908-28-351-010 with one change to 180 days from 365 days to complete demolition. CARRIED**
- c. Balkema/Schug **moved to approve a commercial-fireworks permit for Galesburg Speedway for the Fourth of July with a rain date.**
- d. Bill Lewis, Vice-President of the Lawrence Memorial Library Board, thanked the Board for its annual donation, explained the changes being made and reported on a new program called

tutor.com that will be useful for adults as well as children. He was pleased that library news could be included in the Township newsletter.

- e. The Board discussed complaints about residents at Miller Dr. LLC. A check with the Sheriff's Department produced a list of 248 complaints since 2007. The Board is considering its options.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

Karen Wagar remarked that roadside mowing was late this year especially given the amount of rain that we have experienced. It has not been completed well. It is still difficult to see around corners.

MEMBERS TIME:

Brian Moravek asked if the Township had received any money from the sale of timber in Fort Custer. Jerry explained that the money is given to the County. The Township gets about a 20% share when the County gets around to sending it to us. Jerry said that the Township is still in the running for a project and that the streetlight on 40th St still has not been installed. Linda asked if the Board was going to address the letter from the Township Attorney concerning revising the Township Zoning Ordinance provisions that are in conflict with recently revised GAAMPS rules. The Attorney had requested the Board consider the matter at its June 25 meeting. The Supervisor declined to address the question. He wants the Planning Commission to discuss the issue first. Linda also asked about an organization, Veteran Village USA, that wants to do a "fill the army boot" campaign in Charleston. The organization is fund-raising for homeless veterans and have submitted their non-profit paperwork. Charleston does not have an ordinance requiring permits for such activities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/ Schug moved to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk