

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
July 23, 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 were Peter Kiewit, from Emerson Geophysical, Rich Schmitt, and Joe Augustonelli and Jared Lentz from Southwest Michigan First. Don Kramer arrived later.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. June 25, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
- c. Communications
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Attorney's Report
- f. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/ Minutes
- g. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- h. Fire Reports

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry explained that cleaning of the sewer pipes as part of the Georgia-Pacific leachate project can't go under the river. The project is now complete and came in at 80% of the estimate.
- b. Jerry reported that the Spring Trash Drop Off came in \$632 over the cost of last year. It took more than half of the budgeted amount for the year. To remedy the problem, after consultation with volunteers, Jerry recommended fees changes. A carload would remain \$10 per car, a truck or small trailer load would be \$15, and a double axle trailer would be \$25. He also suggested that residents must show ID, and we must find more volunteers. All the current volunteers are in their seventies.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Joe Augustonelli from Southwest Michigan First discussed the Schmitt parcel and potential buyers. They are looking into the possibility of a pipeline that crosses the property before marketing it. Vander Roest/ Balkema **moved to adopt Ordinance Number 160 amending the Zoning Map to rezone Parcel No. 3908-28-101-010 in its entirety from the AG-2 General Agriculture zoning classification to the I-1 light Industrial District zoning classification.** Roll Call Vote: Moravek – Y; Schug – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Kramer – Y; and Balkema Y.  
CARRIED
- b. Jerry has arranged a meeting with the head of Miller Dr. LLC concerning neighborhood complaints about the residents of the facility. He has a list of questions from the Board including

why the residents required 237 Fire Department calls in six years.

- c. The Board agreed that the Township Attorney should research potential changes to the zoning ordinance to align with the revised Livestock GAAMPS.
- d. Jerry discussed the request of Jeff Kidney for water service at his location across from Target. Mr. Kidney objected to the cost per 1000 gallons of water and suggested he might put his own well in. Jerry wants to be sure that Mr. Kidney will follow through if the Township goes to the expense of construction of the pipeline to his property with a contract.
- e. Peter Kiewit from Emerson Geophysical, LLC explained that the six-month approval had lapsed so he was asking for a renewal of the approval to perform a 3-D seismic survey to map the area geology. He noted that the project had been enlarged twice since the original approval. He said they would vibracize the roads from O Avenue north, and use shot holes in the fields covering 659 square miles. **Balkema/Schug moved to approve a 3-D seismic survey on 2 township parcels on 38<sup>th</sup> Street and the lift station on Climax Drive by Emerson Geophysical, LLC.**

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

#### CITIZEN TIME:

Don Kramer noted that the Board has repeatedly discussed the status of the Township Attorney. He thinks the Board should make a decision one way or the other and be done with it.

#### MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry said the 40<sup>th</sup> Street light is still not completed. Consumers is working on it. Brenda asked about State changes to PA 291 regarding firefighter training requirements. Don Balkema responded that the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department is in good shape because our assistant fire chief is certified to train firefighters.

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/ Schug moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk