

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
September 24, 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, Kramer and Balkema. Also present were John Crumb of GLS&W Authority, and Thom Brennan, Commissioner and Charleston Township representative on the Road Commission and Attorney Craig Rolfe.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Moravek/Schug moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8f. Setting Township Millage Rate.  
CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. July 23, 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. Library Minutes & Report
- g. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- h. Fire Department Reports

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry reported that October 5 has been set as the Fall Trash Drop Off date. A postcard will be sent to all residents with the new rates - \$10 for a carload, \$15 for a truck or small trailer load, and \$25 for a double axle trailer.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry related that he met with the head of Miller Dr. LLC about neighborhood complaints and excessive calls for service at their business. He has also contacted the attorney and Jeff Patton of Kalamazoo County Mental Health with questions about the business and residents.
- b. The Board discussed the pros and cons of continuing or increasing the road millage.  
Schug/Moravek moved to continue with the 0.5 road millage rate. Roll Call Vote: Moravek – No, Schug – Yes, Vander Roest – No, Kramer – No. Motion rejected 3 to 1. Vander Roest/ Kramer **moved to approve a resolution to set the road millage rate at 0.75.** Roll Call Vote: Moravek – Y; Schug – N; Vander Roest – Y; Kramer – Y. CARRIED 3 to 1.
- c. Kramer/Schug **moved to accept the resignation of Alice Berger from the Lawrence Memorial Library Board with regret.** CARRIED
- d. The Board discussed possible road projects for next year. The Board is directing its efforts at maintaining the roads that are in decent shape and trying to rebuild the roads that are in poor shape as funds allow.

- e. Schug/Kramer **moved to appoint Lori Roof as the Charleston Township representative to the Lawrence Memorial Library Board.** CARRIED
- f. **Vander Roest/Schug moved to approve the Township millage rate as .9668 for 2019.** Roll Call Vote: Kramer – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Schug – Y; and Moravek – Y. CARRIED The rate is the same as 2018.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME:

MEMBERS TIME:

Schug/Kramer **moved to transfer \$843 from the General Fund Roads account to the Propane account to cover a shortfall.** CARRIED Linda distributed materials for a Treasury Department program located in Lansing for officials interested in attending and information Civic Plus concerning a redesign of our website. Jerry reported that it will cost \$1100 to remove the damaged tree in Riverside Cemetery plus the cost of removal of two trees from the Hall grounds due to a storm. Insurance will cover the cost. Jerry indicated that the attorney is working on a sewer line agreement with Augusta before the contract with Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority. Engineering and legal costs for the Augusta agreement will probably be paid by the Township. Vander Roest/Schug **moved to authorize Attorney Rolfe to begin working with the GLS&W Authority's attorney, Rob Thall, no later than September 1, 2019 to draft an agreement that fully outlines the roles of each party and to work on the Augusta sewer line agreement.** CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Schug/Kramer moved to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk