

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
November 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

Due to reinstated COVID restrictions, the meeting was called to order in the parking lot 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 Captain Amy Price and Kathy Vander Roest.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CITIZEN TIME NON-AGENDA ITEMS (limit – three minutes)

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits & ZBA Decisions
- c. Communications
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Attorney's Report
- f. Planning Commission Minutes
- g. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/ Minutes
- h. Library Minutes & Report
- i. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry said that our attorney would ask the attorney for Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority to draw up a simple temporary contract. The Township will not be returning to the City of Kalamazoo at this time as reflected in the minutes of the GLS&W Authority. We were also notified to increase our insurance coverage for our lift stations.
- b. Jerry reported that the Court Hearing regarding Galesburg Speedway was held on November 4. The attorneys were instructed to present their arguments in writing and then the judge will make a ruling.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Schug/Moravek **moved to appoint Chris Balkema to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Township Board representative and to appoint him to the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Board as the Township Board representative.** CARRIED
- b. Vander Roest/Kramer **moved to approve these holiday hours: Closed Thursday, December**

**24<sup>th</sup> and open Thursday, December 31 from 9 a.m. until Noon.**

- c. Jerry explained his conversations with DNR representatives/engineers concerning a water & sewer agreement and his concern with a 425 agreement with the City of Battle Creek.
- d. Balkema/Moravek **moved to approve a ten- year renewal of the Comcast franchise agreement with a 5% franchise fee and authorize the Supervisor or Clerk to sign it with the fees deposited into the Road Fund. CARRIED**
- e. Schug/Vander Roest **moved to adopt the 2021 federal poverty guidelines, to set the asset level test at \$15,000 and approve the poverty exemption application. CARRIED**
- f. The Board reviewed the Road Commission's Capital Improvement Plan for 2021 through 2025. Jerry was alarmed that the Road Commission had already designated Miller Drive a local road without bringing it up to a Paser 8 rating.

**READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:**

Balkema/Moravek moved that the bills be allowed and that warrants be drawn on the treasury for their respective amounts. CARRIED The Board also approved a stipend for Cindy Roe for her extra hours helping with the election.

**CITIZEN TIME:**

No Comments

**MEMBERS TIME:**

Chris had questions about the map and the emergency route in the Township when I-94 is closed due to accidents. Brian asked about the Road Commission election and the status of Miller Dr. Jerry is still looking for grant money for Watkins Rd. He reported that our water quality report was excellent. The lawsuit with the City of Kalamazoo over water rates is coming to an end. The participants in the lawsuit now need to approve the agreement before the start of the sewer portion of the suit.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

Vander Roest/Kramer moved to adjourn at 4:57 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk