

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
February 25, 2020

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, and Kramer. Also present was Anthony Bates, Max Nicolai, Captain Amy Price, and Thomas Brennan, Curtis Aardema, and Andrew Alspach.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

CITIZENS' TIME:

No comments were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. January 28, 2020 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. Planning Commission
- i. Fire Department Report
- j. Library Minutes & Report

CARRIED

Curtis Aardema, a volunteer for KCTA, explained the difference between KCTA (Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority) and CCTA (Central County Transportation Authority). He said that Metro Connect covers the whole county and busses cover fixed routes.

Andrew Alspach works for the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department Office of Emergency Management. The Office handles all hazards and disasters. His Office is working on a Hazard Mitigation Plan that he would like every municipality in the County to participate in. Grant money is available to help with the Plan. Schug/Moravek **moved to participate in the planning process to update the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry said that the Village of Augusta is having the same problem as the Galesburg-Charleston Fire Department in terms of an excessive number of runs to Beacon Specialized Living, Inc. There is a similar facility in Augusta. The Village has filed a lawsuit against the company. The G-C Fire Department will bill for all runs after the first one.
- b. The Board reviewed the suggested changes and additions to the Augusta Sewer Agreement. The Board will review the agreement with Township Attorney and Engineer at a Budget Workshop on

March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

- c. Jerry explained the sewer and zoning violations for the property at 11530 E Michigan Ave. He also said that the Kalamazoo County Health Department will allow the septic system to be used because Gull Lake Sewer pumped the septic system after the property was connected to the sewer. The electrical connection is the only thing that still needs to be completed, but, now that the septic system is allowed to be used once again, it doesn't look like the connection will be completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Moravek/Kramer **moved to adopt Ordinance #163 (Keeping of Farm Animals) as recommended by the Planning Commission. CARRIED**
- b. Vander Roest/Schug **moved to hire Jodi Stefforia, Planning Consultant, at the rate she specified in her contract to move forward with the Future Land Use Plan and Map and authorized the Supervisor to sign it. The payment is not to exceed \$5,000. Roll Call Vote: Moravek – Y; Schug – Y; Vander Roest – Y; and Kramer – Y. CARRIED**
- c. The Board reviewed the road projects suggested for this year. Jerry suggested borrowing from Savings again to cover the cost. The total Road Fund budget is expected to be \$151,700 for Climax Dr., Sandwood, Streamside, Ambling Avenue, and L Avenue from 40<sup>th</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup>.
- d. Jerry detailed the repairs to the sewer line along Michigan Avenue. In the process of repairing those cracks, Plummer's found two more cracks 20 feet down. Those will need to be repaired. The Board authorized emergency repairs.

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

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

CITIZEN TIME: No comments.

MEMBERS TIME:

Jerry is still working on the illegal splits in Lakeview Meadows. The Board agreed to an April 28 meeting with the Road Commission. Linda said that she was still working on the wireless connection with Verizon and that she will post the Budget Workshop Meeting for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Kramer/Schug moved to adjourn at 6:21p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk

