

Regular Meeting
Charleston Township Board
September 22, 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, Balkema, and Kramer. Also present were Anthony Bates and Chris Balkema.

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED AGENDA AND MINUTES:

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

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

Anthony Bates explained that he believes in attending Board Meetings in County Commission District 7, unlike his competitor. He also said that he would cross parties and vote for Mona Lisa Watson because she plans on being a hands-on clerk if elected. He thought Sarah Joshi should have been the Democrat nominee for the position.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
- c. Communications
- d. Treasurer's Report
- e. Attorney's Report
- f. Planning Commission Minutes - Cancelled
- g. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/ Minutes
- h. Library Minutes & Report
- i. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- j. Fire Department Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry pointed out some disagreements he had with the Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority Operations and Maintenance Agreement. The Board also had some disagreements. The Board discussed some options including a suggestion that we sign an agreement for two and a half years and reconsider when the agreement between the City of Kalamazoo and 11 townships is completed supposedly in two and a half years. The Board had questions about operating under the Letter of Agreement, Jerry's suggestion and returning to the City of Kalamazoo that they wanted to ask the Township Attorney before making a decision on the O & M Agreement. Jerry said that he would speak with Attorney Rolfe.
- b. Jerry explained that the hearing date for the Galesburg Speedway issue had been rescheduled once again for November 4, 2020 so that our attorney can prepare given new information that has come forward.
- c. Fall Trash Drop Off Day is this Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 12noon.

- d. The paving job on Shadyshore Drive has been completed. The drains are all open now. Residents seem to be satisfied.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Linda pointed out the places in the budget that needed adjustment. Given the Covid-19 pandemic, it was no surprise that Elections and Election Supplies needed adjusting. Grant money from the Cares Act and from the Center for Tech & Civic Life will cover the overage. The Computers/Support and the Website accounts also need adjusting due to Verizon problems in the spring and unexpected website expenses. Balkema/Moravek **moved to authorize Linda to adjust the budget as needed.** CARRIED
- b. Linda reported that she had applied for and received a minimum \$5000 grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life that will be applied to election expenses with approval of the Board. Balkema/Moravek **moved to approve the reception of the grant as provided by the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL).** CARRIED

READING & DISPOSITION BILLS:

Balkema/Vander Roest 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:

Brenda said that TCF Bank had obtained Chemical Bank. Don explained that the Fire Department was being sued for \$50,000, but the insurance company was taking care of the problem. Jerry said that he had obtained the names of three contractors to get bids for an addition to the township hall and some miscellaneous other items like new furnaces, moving the electrical box, and new air conditioners.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Moravek moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk