

Regular Meeting  
Charleston Township Board  
October 27, 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, Balkema, and Kramer. Absent: Brenda Schug. Also present were Sue Balkema, Kathy Vander Roest, Lauren Balkema 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)

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

- a. September 22, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. October 6, 2020 Election Commission Minutes
- c. Zoning Administrator's Report/Building Permits
- d. Communications
- e. Treasurer's Report
- f. Attorney's Report
- g. Planning Commission Minutes - Cancelled
- h. Gull Lake Sewer Authority Agenda/ Minutes
- i. Library Minutes & Report
- j. Sheriff's Department Monthly Report
- k. Fire Department Report

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Jerry had some answers for questions Board members had concerning the Operations and Management Agreement the Board was considering with Gull Lake Sewer & Water Authority. He learned that the City of Kalamazoo were required to take the Township back if we chose that option. The attorneys are working on a temporary agreement with GLS&W.
- b. Jerry explained that the hearing date for the Galesburg Speedway issue had been rescheduled for November 4, 2020, but part of the Contempt Motion was revised due to the Court ruling that the Governor's Covid 19 executive orders were not legal.
- c. The Fall Trash Drop Off Day took in \$670. The cost was more than \$3,000 as compared to \$2400 for the one last fall. Jerry said that for the next Trash Drop Off, he would seek bids to get the best price.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Township Board presented Trustee Don Balkema with a Resolution of Appreciation for 16 years of dedicated service to the Township. Don is retiring from the Board. Vander Roest/Moravek **moved to approve the resolution of appreciation for Don Balkema.** Roll Call Vote: Moravek – Y; Vander Roest – Y; Kramer – Y. CARRIED
- b. Jerry explained that Time-Out Lounge had requested a permit for fencing around an outside eating area along the river. The lounge was denied a permit by the Township’s ordinance enforcer, Associated Government Services. Jerry will review the ordinance with Kelly from AGS.
- c. There is a vacancy on the Fire Board. Don Balkema suggested that the Board appoint Chris Balkema to fill the position temporarily. Balkema/Moravek **moved to appoint Chris Balkema as the at-large member of the Fire Board until the next meeting.** Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Kramer – Y; Vander Roest – Y; and Moravek – Y. CARRIED Don also reported that the Fire Department was in need of Scott Air Pack equipment before the end of December. Right now, they are borrowing some bottles from Climax. He also said that the company the Fire Board bought the ladder truck from is out of business. That makes it difficult to get replacement parts.

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:

Linda said that 600 absentee ballots had been sent out so far. There are 1518 active voters in the Township and 1590 registered voters. Jerry had a list of items to talk about. One of the most interesting was a project on the eastern edge of the Township at Exit 92. Battle Creek is working with a company to locate there. It will bring 100 jobs to the area. Watkins Road is integral to the project. Jerry is looking for some grant funds to get the road brought up to all season status.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Balkema/Moravek moved to adjourn at 5:34 p.m. CARRIED

Linda Kramer, Clerk