

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--November 7, 2005

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 7, 2005.

All board members present.

Others present: Lee Olsen, Ron Koronka, Sally Nowak, Robert Fleury, Keith Huff, James Quandt, Al Ochsner.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Milbocker moved, Samkowiak supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 145,096.18; Roads Account, \$ 150,442.34. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Bob Fleury talked about planning/zoning. We talked about communications between the planning commission and the planning/zoning department with the townships.

Old Business: Discussed the status of the ballfield. The fence has been repaired. Will wait until spring to put new diamond dust on and put the plastic top on the fence.

Talked about the proposed private road ordinance. Deb gave a copy of the proposed ordinance to those present. There was discussion regards to specific items in the proposal. Deb and Jim Quandt thought that the ordinance needs to be discussed more before it is adopted. Jim will bring this up at the next regular planning commission meeting.

New Business: Discussed a zoning board of appeals case. Donna and Roger Sigler want a variance to replace a non-conforming mobile home with another similar mobile home. The original mobile home was damaged in a wind storm. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to recommend approval to the Otsego County Zoning Board of Appeals of the request of Donna and Roger Sigler to replace a damaged mobile home with another one similar in size. Deb felt that the replacement mobile home was an improvement over what was originally on the property. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Edwartowski moved, Nowak supported, to purchase two (2) 'No Wake' signs for Little Bear Lake in the area of the narrows by the island. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussed a Social Security 'Privacy' policy. This would make it more difficult for persons to steal another's identity. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to adopt a Social Security Privacy policy as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Lee Olsen gave a report on the county commissioners. He stated that they are still working on finances. The county probably will need to place a Headlee override on the ballot in August. The county has 12 applications for the administrator job. Lee also talked about some proposed millage requests that may come before voters in the next year. There will probably be a request for .9 mills for the I-75 overpass. Also, the Sportplex will be looking for more millage to add on a soccer/tennis building. And the Sportplex will be asking for a renewal of .3 for operation. The new jail may be on the ballot in August.

Ron Koronka gave a report on the Fire Department. We talked about the fire/EMS millage request on the ballot for November 8, 2005. Tammy Myers was not present at the meeting for an EMS report. Kim talked about a new applicant for EMS which would be Jaclyn Klepadlo. Kim says she will talk with Tammy about this applicant. Mike Watson has quit the EMS department.

Jim Quandt gave a report on the planning commission. Talked about wind generation and outside storage.

Matt stated that Bill Martindale's mother had passed away downstate and that Bill would be gone until Weds.

Sally gave a report on Personal Property Tax Audit. She stated that the state is taking over the project and hiring the auditors.

Edwartowski moved, Milbocker supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 36,922.31. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes continued on back of this page for a RESOLUTION on PIE & Gas Co-op.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op (PIE & G) operates a natural gas distribution system in the Township of Charlton according to a certain franchise; and

WHEREAS, the franchise provides for 'Home Rule' with respect to setting PIE & G natural gas rates and that such rates are subject to, in part, that of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company's (MichCon) statewide residential rate, as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

WHEREAS, MichCon filed on September 30, 2005, an application to reopen Case No. U-14401 and maintains that circumstances have changed dramatically subsequent to the close of the record in that case (for example, MichCon states that NYMEX natural gas futures prices have risen to \$13.13 per dekatherm (Dth) and that the utility's cost for storage gas has increased from \$ 7.19 per Dth to \$ 11.28 per Dth, and according to MichCon, these cost increases could cause MichCon to incur a GCR under-recovery of \$ 235 million through March 31, 2006); and

WHEREAS, PIE & G believes it has prudently and successfully procured a supply for this winter at a cost less than that claimed by MichCon, its' retail natural gas rates should more closely reflect its' true cost of service, and that many of its members will benefit from a delay in implementation of increased gas rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Township of Charlton concurs with the proposal of PIE & G to delay implementation of any increase in rates as a result of MichCon's pending Gas Cost Recovery case now before the Michigan Public Service Commission (U-14401), absent extreme factors, beginning November 1, 2005 through March 31, 2006, when this delay in implementation shall expire and at which time natural gas rates will return to the rates provided in the franchise between the parties.

CERTIFICATION

I, Ivan H. Maschke, Clerk of the Township of Charlton, county of Otsego, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees held on November 7, 2005.