

The regular October meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 9, 2006.

All board members present.

Others present: Judge Janet Allen, Robert Fleury, Julie Long, Dennis Valade, Sally Nowak, Lee Olsen, Ron Koronka and Tammy Myers.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to accept the minutes of the September meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 221,000.01; Roads Account, \$ 104,217.10; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 40,253.63. Edwartowski moved, Milbocker supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 13, 2006.

Next Otsego County Township Officials meeting will be November 21, 2006, at Dover Township.

Audience: Judge Janet Allen was present at the meeting to give her qualifications for election to the circuit court judgeship. She covers Otsego, Crawford and Kalkaska Counties. She was appointed last year and is running for election now.

Old Business: Kim talked about summer tax collection for J/L Schools. Currently, we receive \$ 2.50 per parcel for summer tax collection from the state. If the school district adds summer taxes to the collection, then we stand to lose the \$ 2.50 per parcel. Nowak moved, Milbocker supported, to offer to collect summer taxes for Johannesburg/Lewiston Area Schools provided there is no loss of revenue we currently collect from the state for summer tax collection. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about the park pavillion and the fact that we will need to transfer funds to the Park (690) account to cover the cost. Edwartowski moved, Milbocker supported, to transfer \$ 10,000.00 from fund equity to Park (690) to cover the payment for the roof repair. After discussion, Edwartowski withdrew his motion and Milbocker withdrew her second.

Edwartowski moved, Milbocker supported, to transfer \$ 8,000.00 from 265-975 to Park (690) and to transfer \$ 20,000.00 from 265-975 (Township Hall land & building improvements) to Fire New Equipment (335-977). Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussed the restroom specifications for the hall and fire hall. Decided to add a handicapped toilet to the specs. for the hall restroom. Call for commercial fixtures and countertops and to add a storage unit above the toilet in the fire hall. Decided to bid out this project along with the roof project over the fire hall and township hall doors on the north side of the building and open bids at the November meeting. Work to be done in January, 2007, or February depending upon the hall rentals at that time.

Kim left at 7:40 pm to attend the J/L School Board meeting.

Discussed the roof on the ballfield pressbox. Appears to be leaking. Needs to be repaired. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to have Olsen Construction of Gaylord repair the roof on the ballfield pressbox for a price of \$ 755.00. Ayes, all. Kim Samkowiak absent. Motion carried.

Matt got a price for painting a portion of the pavillion including the remaining walls that have not been painted. The cost would be an additional \$ 900.00. Decided that this is too much for the amount of work needed.

The board received a letter from Debra Barnes regards to the speed limit on the roads in Heffernan Subdivision. She claims that people are driving too fast on the new blacktopped roads. Matt stated that there is a sign calling for 25 MPH as you enter the area from Meridian Line Road.

New Business: Since October 9th is a holiday and there is no mail, it was decided that we would not open snowplowing bids at this time. Matt/Ivan will open bids on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, after receiving the morning mail.

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Discussed hazardous waste collection. Deb thought that we should discuss at a later date.

Deb stated that there is an ordinance/planning meeting at Livingston Hall on October 16, 2006, at 7:00 pm. One of the text amendments that will be discussed is in regards to subdividing property.

County Commissioner: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. Nothing much on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting. Keith Huff will retire officially on October 30, 2006. Deputy John Dye has retired and he will not be replaced. Lee stated that wireless internet is now available from the Beckett Road Tower. He talked about continued court problems with Kankaska/Crawford Counties.

Fire Department: Talked about standing operating procedures. Ron says it is getting done. Ron says a valve that was used for water truck filling at Don Sklarczyk's farm is missing. The valve costs approximately \$800.00. Don't know what happened to it. Need to order another. Edwartowski moved, Milbocker supported, to order a new 4- $\frac{1}{2}$ to 2- $\frac{1}{2}$ Y valve. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Ron stated that Joe Cherwinski is back with the Fire Department. He recommends hiring Don Wright as a member of the department. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to hire Don Wright and to re-hire Joe Cherwinski as members of the Charlton Township Fire Department. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

EMS: Tammy Myers gave a report on EMS. She stated that five (5) persons attended the UP-EMS Conference.

Planning/Zoning: Matt talked about the master plan for the county and the private road ordinance.

Custodial: Some issues at the last wedding reception. There was a display of rudeness from one of the renters. It appears that the situation has been corrected.

Joe gave a report on the county commissioners meeting he attended.

Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 58,181.53. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.