

The regular September meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 11, 2006.

All board members present.

Others present: Lee Olsen, Bob Pewinski, Bob Fleury, Dennis Valade, Sally Nowak and James Quandt.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as corrected with the following correction: add discussion regards to putting township officers' office hours on the bulletin board. Ayes, all. motion carried.

Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 197,554.07; Roads Account, \$ 104,214.44; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 39,799.87. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Old Business: Opened bids for cemetery overhead door project. Reszka Construction bid \$ 3865.00. Olsen Construction bid \$ 3242.82. Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to let the bid for the overhead door project to Olsen Construction of Gaylord for a price of \$ 3242.82 and have Matt Nowak check with Olsen Const. about the possibility of changing the specs. on the door for an 8' door instead of the 7' door quoted as long as the price is within \$ 250.00 of the original bid. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about work at the hall and Fire Department on the rest rooms. Matt has preliminary specs. worked out. Will refine the specifications before the October meeting. Work to be done this winter when the hall is not rented.

Discussed putting a roof over the door into the Fire Department. Talked about a 14' or 16' roof that is 4' wide to cover the doors to the fire department and the back door to the hall. Will bid this out with the restroom project.

Deb asked about liability for the building the pee wee football team uses for equipment storage. Matt says the insurance company is not concerned about liability for this. Stanley Kwapis was present at the meeting to talk about storage for football equipment. He talked about placing a building on township property to store equipment. Matt thought that the area to the north of the parking lot at the park would be 'ok'. After more discussion, Maschke moved, Edwartowski supported, to authorize the pee wee football team (Oiler Youth Football) to place a building (under 200 sq. ft.) on township property in the park area. No cost to the township for permits, etc. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim talked about DSL for the Fire Department for a computer. Cost would be \$ 24.95 per month and a modem would be \$ 124.00 from Verizon. Minutes, fire maintenance reports and spreadsheets could be done on the computer without the internet. State fire reports would need the internet.

Deb asked about the past bills from Verizon with the extra charges on them. Matt will check with 9-1-1 to see if this will be paid by them.

New Business: Discussed setting a date for spring clean-up for 2007. Milbocker moved, Samkowiak supported, to hold a spring clean-up day at Arrow Sanitation on June 23, 2007, if the date is available. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He stated that the USDA has confirmed emerald ash borer in Otsego County. Talked about costs for running the Crawford/Kalkaska/Otsego County court system. Lee talked about budget cuts that may take place. He thought that five (5) persons would need to be cut. Probably in the Sheriff's Department. Approximately \$ 320,000 needs to be cut.

Fire Department: standing orders/procedures need to be submitted to the state by September 22, 2006.

EMS: Tammy and some EMS staff will be attending the UP EMS school as they have in past years.

Planning/Zoning: Jim Quandt gave a report on planning/zoning. He stated that they are still working on the private road ordinance.

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Matt talked about a phone call he received from Dave Paffi regards to EMS/Fire coverage in the SE corner of the township near Meridian Line Rd and Co Rd 612. Talked about the discussion we had previous to this. Both units (Albert/Charlton) will respond to calls for this area. If Albert Township becomes an ALS department, we will reinvestigate to see if something can be worked out.

Milbocker moved, Edwartowski supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 15,359.05. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.