

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--November 12, 2007

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 12, 2007.

All board members present.

Others present: Robert Pewinski, Robert Fleury, Tammy Myers, Sally Nowak, Alan Ochsner, Lee Olsen, Mike Colosimo.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Edwartowski moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting with the following correction: change personal property tax meeting date from November 22 to October 22, 2007. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Edwartowski moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 245,025.08; Roads Account, \$ 67,350.57; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 26,504.48. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim talked about a meeting she had regards to tax collections. Talked about tax collection problems and how to improve county tax collections in general. There is a meeting being held tonight with some treasurers and title/mortgage companies to try to improve communications. Discussed getting tax information off of the internet. Lee Olsen joined the discussion and stated that title and mortgage companies do not need 'on demand' information regards to taxes.

Next Charlton Township meeting will be December 10, 2007, at 7:00 pm.

Next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be on November 20, 2007, at the Gaylord Fire Hall.

Audience: Al Ochsner was present at the meeting and asked about load limits for trucks on county roads.

Old Business: The new fire truck is complete and in use. Ron Koronka checked out the truck and is satisfied with it.

Talked about the hall remodeling project. Carpet and tile are in. Some electrical and trim work to be done. Some of the paint areas are not too good. Matt stated that he will mark some bad spots and discuss with Dave Wakefield. Some areas may need a second coat. Discussed other minor problems. The decoration hooks over the dance floor may need to be changed. Matt reported that the exhaust pipe over the fire department door on the north side has been moved to try to correct the icing problem by the door.

New Business: The plunger on the compactor is in bad shape. Bill and Matt got it working temporarily, but it is in need of some major work. Decided to contact Dover and Chester Townships to let them know that major repairs are needed at the waste station.

Sally reported on a meeting with the state tax commission. Talked about results of the personal property tax audit. Sally stated that the tax assessment in the township has gone up by 23 million dollars. The oil/gas companies will probably appeal this. There will be a considerable increase in payments from oil/gas companies.

Kim stated that she may change her hours.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. The budget is all set and there will be a public hearing soon. Joe Edwartowski also gave a report on the commissioner's meetings. He stated that there will be several county commissioner meetings held at township halls in 2008. The meeting the county has at our township could coincide with an open-house for our hall remodeling.

Fire: Tammy represented Ron Koronka at this meeting. She questioned the board about a cost for renting the hall for the fire department's chili dinner. The dinner is planned for March 1, 2008, and the hall cost will be \$ 175.00 and the township does the cleanup. The fire department should get a one (1) day liability policy for a special event. Tammy reported that Richard McDonald and Duane Switalski plan to take the Firefighter 1 class when offered. Talked briefly about paying for the class if a person has a financial problem and cannot pay for the class. Will discuss later.

EMS: Tammy reported that run volume is down. Kim Samkowiak moved, Mike McCarthy supported, to hire Sierra Hilt as a member of the Charlton Township EMS squad. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Talked about more phone problems in the EMS barn.

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Tammy asked about record storage for EMS records. Matt stated that we have room for records in the hall storage or she can get a file cabinet.

Planning: Talked about the county master plan. There will be discussion about the plan at the county association meeting on November 20, 2007. Since Jim Quandt has indicated that he will not be on the Planning Commission after December, 2007, it was decided that we should appoint another person. Kim Samkowiak moved, Joe Edwartowski supported, to recommend Mike Colosimo as a member of the Planning Commission. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about having our regular January meeting at the township hall.

Sally reported that there will be a Board of Review meeting on December 11, 2007, for error corrections, etc.

Joe Edwartowski gave a report on a grant application through Great Lakes Energy. It would be from the Great Lakes Energy people's fund and could be \$ 1000.00 or more depending on the project. Could be used for park, EMS, Fire or other project.

Mike McCarthy reported that the township website has been updated. He also gave a report on jail overcrowding.

Edwartowski moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 52,792.17. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Edwartowski moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 7,957.83. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, Maschke supported, to pay the Roads Account bills presented in the amount of \$ 22,098.50 for Brown Road work. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.