

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--March 9, 2009

The regular March meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 9, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Bob Harkness, Mike Colosimo, Stacie Schiller, Jackie Klepadlo.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Mike McCarthy moved, Keith Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 323,450.79; Roads Account, \$ 51,694.27; Fire/EMS Account \$ 124,181.44. McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular township meeting will be April 13, 2009.

Next regular O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be March 17, 2009, at Hayes Township.

Audience: Stacy Schiller was present to talk about the old Kelly Store renovation. Things are at a standstill this time of the year. She will be meeting in Lansing regards to some funding through the Michigan Economic Development grant program. The building should be on the National Register by July 4, 2009. She has talked to the Michigan Downtown Mainstreet Authority, but has had problems because Johannesburg is not considered a village. She asked about the township possibly getting involved with the project and grant application process. It was more or less decided that the township would not get involved with a privately owned piece of property. She also talked about the possibility of using wind generation for the building's power.

Old Business: Discussed the proposed ORV Ordinance for the county. Talked about roads for closure. Bob Harkness stated that all of the NEMCOG counties have passed an ordinance similar to the state of Michigan's design. Talked about age of drivers and there was much discussion regards to which roads to open or close. After discussion, Huff moved, Samkowiak supported, to recommend that the roads for the proposed ORV Ordinance be open from the junction of Tin Shanty Road and Sawdust Pile Road to the south to include all of Sparr Rd. and the Johnson Grade Road and also to include Black River Road south of the corner of County Road 612 and to include Valley Road. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The board believes that this is the historical boundary of the Pigeon River Forest area and that Sparr Road and Johnson Grade Roads are mostly privately owned property.

Talked about a trash day at Arrow Sanitation. Matt stated that May 16, 2009, is available. Those on the board thought that it should be later in the year. Matt will check with Arrow Sanitation to try to get a later date.

New Business: Keith talked about a meeting he attended with the road commission. Keith stated that he thought that we may not get any monies from the stimulus package for roadwork. The county is receiving some funds, but it is already planned for other roadwork.

Talked about the Health Dept. survey at the township hall. Two (2) minor items need to be addressed to avoid any violations.

Reports: Bob Harkness was present at the meeting and gave a report on county activities. He stated that the Groen property north of Johannesburg will be formally transferred to the county on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. Bob is trying to get on the board overseeing this planned park and stated that a Charlton Township Board member should also be on it. He also talked about substance abuse and a meeting he attended regards to it.

Fire: Talked about a bill received from the Johannesburg Volunteer Fire Dept. for payment for three (3) firefighters to challenge the Firefighter 1 test. There was discussion regards to when the township should pay the bill. Most thought that the township would pay the \$ 150.00 for each challenge after the person passed the test.

EMS: Jackie talked about National Emergency Management System. She says she is certified. Talked about a board member being certified. She also stated that the EMS reports will need to be sent into the state on-line by April 1. Talked about getting a computer for the EMS barn to do state reports, payroll and training. Getting started on a file for old and current EMS employees. Jackie talked about writing a policy for EMS.

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The board thought that any written policies should go through the board. She also stated that State Electronics will be working on radios for the van and fire trucks. Discussed cabinet work for the EMS building. She stated that she will get another quote on the project.

Planning: Mike Colosimo talked about the Public Hearing on the county Master Plan. The plan seems to be in order. The Planning Commission is currently working on some small cases.

Board of Review will be this week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Mike McCarthy talked about recycling and the fact that he may be on the county recycling board.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 42,562.62 (checks number 17273 thru 17297) Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 1,509.10 (checks number 1595 thru 1600). Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.