

Regular meeting of the Charlton Township Board for April was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Board member McCarthy absent. Others present: Bob Fleury, Bob Pewinski, Bob Harkness, Shirley & Dave Potter, Sally Nowak, Jackie Klepadlo, Ron Koronka, Mike Colosimo, Roger Latuszek, Justin Holzsheu.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as printed. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2009, special meeting as printed. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the March 12, 2009, Public Hearing on the budget as printed. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 322,101.17; Roads Account, \$ 51,694.37; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 177,501.39. Huff moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Next regular township meeting will be May 11, 2009.

Audience: Bob Fleury asked about the proposed Farmer's Market. Shirley and Dave Potter were present at the meeting to talk about it. They talked about permitting the sale of handmade items at the market, also. It was decided that garage sale items and flea market items would not be allowed.

Deputy Sheriff Justin Holzsheu was present at the meeting to ask if anyone had any questions for the Sheriff's Dept. Dave Potter asked about 'impeding traffic' citations. Deputy Holzsheu noted that these citations are usually the case when another citation is pled down in court.

Old Business: Talked about the ORV Ordinance proposed for the county. There will be a public hearing in May and one (1) more meeting on this before it becomes a passes ordinance. There are many questions about the proposed ordinance including which roads are to be closed and which townships are opting out of the ordinance.

Discussed the Nature Center on the Groen property. Bob Harkness gave a report on the committee that is being formed. After discussion, Huff moved, Maschke supported, to appoint Matt Nowak as Charlton Townships' representative on the Nature Preserve committee. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

New Business: Northwestern Bank of Gaylord had previously given a proposal to the township for taking over township banking business. Samkowiak and Maschke thought that we should move township business to Northwestern Bank of Gaylord. Maschke moved, Huff supported, to move Charlton Township's General Operation Account and the Fire/EMS Account to Northwestern Bank of Gaylord. Effective when we can officially close the First Federal of Northern Michigan accounts. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Talked about Land Use Services and their request for more funds from townships to operate their office. In the past, the township has contributed to Land Use Services for a zoning enforcement officer. According to commissioner Bob Harkness, this office is supposed to be self-supportive. A building inspector is now doing zoning enforcement. There was a question as to whether we should continue to support this office with funding. Decided to wait until next meeting to get more information.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. Talked about the county airport and the fact that there may be another airline using the facility. North Airlines will possibly make runs to Beaver Island in the near future. Talked about firefighters taking the Firefighter I and II classes.

EMS: Jackie stated that she has delayed the cabinet work in the barn because she has found some prebuilt cabinets that may meet her needs. Talked about computer charting. She stated that she needs some more duplex outlets installed in the barn. Decided to give her the township office fax machine and purchase another for the office.

Planning Commission: Mike stated that they are working on routine business. Talked about wind generation. Discussed the proposed master plan for the county.

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Assessing: Sally stated that we had a good Board of Review. Most people read the letter sent out regards to assessments. Talked about Tax Tribunal cases. Sally stated that we will know more about these in about a year.

Huff moved, Nowak supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 17,103.09 (checks number 17298 thru 17324). Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Huff moved, Maschke supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 8,752.17 (checks number 1601-1634) Ayes, all. (4). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.