

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--May 11, 2009

The regular May meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Shirley and Dave Potter, Jos. Edwartowski, Bob Fleury, Willard Brown, Eric Nelson, Bob Pewinski, Bob Harkness, Ron Koronka, Duane Switalski, Joe Jarecki.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Huff moved, McCarthy 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, \$ 333,436.03; Roads Account, \$ 51,694.37; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 174,798.04. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township meeting will be June 8, 2009.

Next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be May 19, 2009, at Livingston Hall.

Audience: Bob Fleury talked about the Community Emergency Response Team. (CERT) Ron Koronka discussed the program with those present. He thought that the CERT effort was getting stronger in Charlton Township and across the north. They volunteer to help out in case of a major emergency. They also help out with security at large events.

Shirley and Dave Potter talked about a community garage sale. This would be a once-a-year event. Talked about using the hall parking lot or the office parking lot. Restrooms are a concern. The board is not interested in leaving the hall restrooms or the office restrooms open for something like this.

Moved to new business: Eric Nelson and Joe Jarecki were present at the meeting to talk about the Pigeon River Habitat Initiative. This is in conjunction with the Huron Pines Service of Americorp Project. They mostly work on stream habitat and river crossings. Talked about population growth in the north. Discussed getting private property owners involved in the area next to the Pigeon River Country. Eric explained about how land owners can get involved and can benefit from the Land Conservancy Program. Joe Jarecki gave information on planning and zoning for the Pigeon River Country.

Talked about the proposed O.R.V. Ordinance. There will be a Public Hearing on the matter on May 26, 2009. Discussed the fact that the first mile of Tin Shanty Road and Sawdust Pile Roads are out of the O.R.V. area.

Old Business: Talked about the Streetscape Project. Matt stated that the bids for the project came in lower than expected. Decided to get more information on the Streetscape Project contract. Huff offered a Resolution (attached) authorizing the signing of the contract.

Discussed roadwork. Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to sign a contract with the Otsego County Road Commission for prime/triple seal of Brown Road at a cost to the township of \$ 34,365.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff moved, Maschke supported, to sign a contract with the Otsego County Road Commission for prime/triple seal to 1175 feet of Fairgrieve Road at a cost to the township of \$ 7760.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about the Land Use officer position at the county.

New Business: MTA Spring Conference will be June 5, 2009. Keith Huff plans to go and maybe Kim Samkowiak.

Willard Brown was present at the meeting to talk about the proposed Veteran's Memorial to be built in conjunction with the Streetscape project. He gave information on the project and a time-line. He displayed some drawings of potential set-up. Cost of the project for the granite monuments will be approximately \$ 16,000.00. Willard stated that this amount will be collected from various donors. The township will be responsible for parts of the project. Talked about benches, trees, flagpole and the sidewalks. The township will be responsible for the foundations for the monuments. Talked about the township collecting donations for the project. Kim will check with the bank to see how to set up an account. Willard stated that the committee thought that the benches needed to be made of granite to last. Cost for the benches is from \$ 1400.00 to \$ 2100.00 each. One has already been designated and there may be more spoken for.

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Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. He stated that Lee Olsen (heart attack) is doing well. Talked about the trail between Gaylord and Mackinaw. Discussed an oil/gas spillage ordinance. Bob discussed substance abuse with those present. Otsego County has a high rate of incidents of substance abuse.

Fire: Ron stated that he got the radio and key back from Don Wright. He stated that the Fire Department may get some donations from oil/gas companies for the purchase of equipment. Two (2) spots are available for firefighters on the roster. Ron stated that he has an application from Brian Dreffs and Keith Koronka. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to hire Brian Dreffs as a member of the Charlton Township Fire Department effective after he has a physical and passes the MVR. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Per policy on FFI Course.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to hire Keith Koronka as a member of the Charlton Township Fire Department effective when he passes a physical and passes the MVR per policy on FFI Course. Discussion. After discussion, McCarthy withdrew his motion and Huff withdrew his second. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to table discussion on the Keith Koronka hiring. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Ron stated that George Pewinski and Richard McDonald had passed the practical portion of the FFI challenge. Matt notified the board that a new fax machine will be coming soon and that the Fire Department can have the old one from the office building.

Custodial: Duane stated that he is busy with spring chores. He stated that we will be getting eight (8) new tables for the hall.

McCarthy talked about recycling in the county. He had a meeting with others interested in getting recycling going. More meetings are planned.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 32,075.01 (checks number 17325-17357).. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 11,542.68 (checks number 1635-1640). Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.