

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--August 10, 2009

The regular August meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:05 pm on Monday, August 10, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Dave & Shirley Potter, Robert Pewinski, Mike Colosimo, Duane Switalski, Willard Brown, Jerry & Linda Yankie, Jackie Klepadlo and Sally Nowak.

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. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 270,109.65; Roads Account, \$ 53,576.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 164,297.26. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township regular meeting will be September 14, 2009.

Audience: Shirley and Dave Potter talked about the upcoming community garage sale in the park parking lot on August 22, 2009.

Old Business: Willard Brown was present at the meeting to talk about the proposed Veteran's Memorial. Decided to take a short break at 7:10 pm to view the site of the memorial. Returned to the meeting at 7:20 pm. Willard presented a list of proposed items for the township policy regards to the memorial. Talked about the brick program and the bench sales. Benches are to be purchased by October 1, 2009, and bricks may be purchased by spring. Discussed lighting for the flag at the memorial. Willard reported that there is a proposed electrical panel directly in front of the memorial that needs to be moved. Matt stated that he will contact MDOT. Talked about the wording for the Helen Yankie portion of the memorial. Discussed the fact that the township will be responsible for power for the light for the flag and may put in a water line at the same time.

Dugouts. Nothing new on the proposed dugouts at the park ball field.

Discussed paving for the parking lots at the hall. Matt received two (2) bids for paving and grinding up the old lot. They are \$ 56,600.00 and \$ 58,800.00. This is more than the township can pay at this time. Talked about the possibility of seal coating, but have no prices at this time.

New Business: Talked about a proposed Resolution in support of the Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative through NEMCOG. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to adopt a Resolution in support of the Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative. Ayes, all. Resolution adopted. (Resolution on File).

Reports: Robert Harkness was absent from the meeting so there is no county commissioner update.

Fire: Nothing at this time.

EMS: Jackie gave a report on EMS activities. She talked about the temporary shelter at the E-Free Church after the big fire at the Alpine House. She worked at the shelter along with Rick Helzer. She reported that there will be a 1st Responder Class starting September 9, 2009. She may have a couple of people interested. Talked about getting an application before the class starts. Pam Kwapis and Julie Long are not responding to any runs or meetings. Jackie will contact them and give them the opportunity to get involved again. There will be a training class at Marquette called the UP-EMS Class. Jackie will be attending and possibly one (1) more person.

Planning: Matt talked about changes to the Zoning Ordinance. They would like township input into the process. Discussed lighting on signs in the county. Lights need to point downward and not into the sky. Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, that Charlton Township is not opposed to the proposed light/signage changes in the county Zoning Ordinance. After discussion, Nowak withdrew his motion and McCarthy withdrew his second. Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to contact the Otsego County Land Use Services in writing that Charlton Township has no comments or concerns on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance for lighting/signage at this time. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Talked about wind generation for residential turbines.

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Assessing: Sally reports that values are going to drop again according to sales. Taxable value will go down. Talked about the possibility of using the entire north country for sales to determine values.

Recycling: Mike McCarthy stated that there will be a recycling meeting on August 19, 2009.

Custodial: Duane says everything is going well. Working on fences at the ballfield and a water drainage problem at the compactor. Talked about replacing some shrubs at the town hall. Discussed taking out the old pit toilets at the park. Matt will check with a contractor.

Matt gave information on the township clean-up day at Arrow Sanitation. He says it rained and there was quite a wait. Chester Township had a clean-up day there also on the same day. The number of people from Charlton was down from previous clean-up days, but the volume was up.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 20,291.65. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 305.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.