

The regular September meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 14, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Willard Brown, Shirley & Dave Potter, Mike Colosimo, Jackie Klepadlo, Duane Switalski, Bob Harkness, Sally Nowak, Stacie Schiller, Barton Briley, Ron Koronka and Paul Krudy.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2009, special meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 259,447.29; Roads Account, \$ 53,576.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 164,234.54. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township regular meeting will be October 12, 2009.

Audience: Dave and Shirley Potter notified the board that the farmer's market is done as of last Friday. Stacie Schiller was present at the meeting to notify the board that they have applied for a Federal grant for a wind generation turbine for the old Kelly Store project. The building is now registered as a National Historical landmark.

Old Business: Willard Brown gave an update on the proposed Veteran's Memorial. Talked about the brick selling program and the wording on the main monument. Talked about the township possibly purchasing a bench (\$2200) if there are not enough sold to make the benches an even number. Matt Nowak moved, Kim Samkowiak supported, to purchase a granite bench for the Veteran's Memorial if there are not enough sold to make the even number needed to make the Memorial look proper. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Willard stated that the flag pole will be \$ 5820.00 and that they are looking for a sponsor for that. Talked about the foundation for the memorial stones. Willard stressed that this should be done during the sidewalk construction and not later as Matt indicated. Matt stated that he will meet with the contractor and MDOT to see if this could be done at the same time as the sidewalks.

Discussed the proposed removal of the pit toilets at the park. Matt received two (2) bids for the demolition. Chet Koronka bid \$ 565.00 and Luke Townsend bid \$ 1,000.00. Matt Nowak moved, Mike McCarthy supported, to let the bid for the pit toilet demolition to Chet Koronka for a price of \$ 565.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about prices for signs for the cemeteries. Matt moved, McCarthy supported, to purchase two (2) signs for the cemeteries at a cost of \$ 250.00 each from New Century Signs. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Talked about a sign for the hall. Decided to try to find letters for the sign that is already on the hall. Discussed a changable letter sign for the highway. The cost would be \$ 750.00 plus more for the tracking for the letters. Decided to table at this time.

New Business: Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to set the 2009 Tax Year millage rate at 0.9542 allocated. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Nowak moved, Samkowiak supported, to set the Fire/EMS voted millage rate for Tax Year 2009 at 1.200. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Maschke moved, Huff supported, to collect a 1% Administration Fee on all taxes collected for Tax Year 2009. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to continue the Metro Act Unilateral Permit for the Upper Peninsula Telephone Co. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussed putting a drop-box outside the office building for tax collections. It was more or less decided that this is not a good idea as someone could claim they left funds in the box when they didn't.

Talked about power and water for the memorial site and for Christmas lights. Mike Colosimo was present and stated that it would be approximately \$ 2,000.00 for the power for the lights. Matt will check with some electrical contractors for prices.

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Talked about putting some fill on the slope at the hall. The contractor working on the streetscape project has extra fill dirt.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. Meetings are scheduled for the Mackinaw/Gaylord trail commission, county zoning budget problems and the Groen estate project. A north/south runway at the county airport has been completed. Huff asked Bob about the lack of coverage in the Gaylord Herald Times on some issues. Bob stated that they seem to be at most meetings, but not much gets published.

EMS: Jackie gave an update on EMS. Talked about working on By-Laws for EMS and Fire to change some wording. Will discuss further when everyone has looked over the current By-Laws. Jackie stated that Glenda Bowman is still interested in responding to EMS runs but has been busy with other things. Jackie stated that Julie Long has not responded for months and that she would like the board to terminate her. A registered letter was sent to her and she has not responded. Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to terminate employment of Julie Long from the EMS squad effective September 14, 2009, and to request she return any equipment by the end of September. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Discussed changing the key for the fire hall and EMS building. Most thought that this should be done periodically. Jason Kwapis has turned in his equipment and will be off the EMS service for approximately six (6) months.

Fire: Ron says thanks to the EMS department for their help with the Busy Bee fire. Also, the firefighters did a very good job on the fire. He stated that he is going to need some new equipment. Mainly, he needs a new exhaust fan and thinks a gas-powered one is the best. Cost will be approximately \$ 3500.00 for the fan, hose and some tools for truck #105. Ron stated that he has received some donations from oil/gas companies. Talked about the status of Ken Hoy as a firefighter. He has been on the department for a number of years but has not passed the Firefighter I program and has not taken the test. Ron stated that Ken is not interested in taking the training as he has too many other things on his agenda at this time. Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to terminate Ken Hoy as a member of the Charlton Township Fire Department effective on September 14, 2009, but to thank him for his many years of service to the dept. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Planning: Mike Colosimo talked about residential wind generation and planning commission in general.

Custodial: Duane says everything is going well. Will need new fire extinguishers for the hall next January. Working on equipment.

Recycling: Mike McCarthy talked about the August 19 meeting. He claims the biggest problem with recycling will be educating the people about it. Costs for the program are being worked out. Each township will share in the cost. The next meeting will be October 15, 2009, and it will be discussed at the O.C.T.O.A. meeting on September 15, 2009.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to repair the parking lot at the hall where an electrical line crosses it. Bid let to Chet Koronka for a price of \$ 250.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 24,203.89. (checks number 17451 - 17481) Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 3,874.94. (checks number 1687 - 1696). Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.