

The regular October meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 12, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Justin Holzsheu, Bob Harkness, Shirley and Dave Potter, Willard Brown, LuAnn Olsen, Ron Koronka, Mike Colosimo, Duane Switalski, Sally Nowak and Jackie Klepadlo.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Samkowiak 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, \$ 271,751.13; Roads Account, \$ 53,576.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 163,340.51. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular Charlton Township meeting will be November 9, 2009. Next regular O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be November 18, 2009, at Bagley Township.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Willard Brown was present at the meeting to talk about the proposed Veteran's Memorial. He stated that five (5) benches have been paid for and are on order. If no more are sold, the township will purchase one (1) to make it an even number. The Veteran's monuments have been ordered. Flag pole is ordered verbally. Brick pavers will be ordered by Feb. 15, 2010. Monuments are set to be installed by June 1, 2010.

Opened two (2) bids for electrical work in the outside area of the office. Gaylord Electric bid \$ 2325.00. Mike's Electric bid \$ 1762.00. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to let the bid for the electric work to Mike's Electric for a price of \$ 1762.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business: Talked about the request for funding from townships of the Otsego County Planning/Zoning Department. The department is operating at a loss this year because of loss of revenues. They have asked townships to fund the department for this year and possibly in the future. This is not a mandated county dept. Bob Harkness, Otsego County Commissioner, stated that they have cut as much as possible from their budget. Talked about why the Planning/Zoning budget has increased substantially from 2007-2009. Discussed the possibility of townships funding this department even if revenues increase for them. Discussed the problems involved with the township establishing their own Planning/Zoning. There was a question regards to whether all townships participate in the funding or what happens if some townships opt out? After more discussion, Maschke moved to table discussion on the Planning/Zoning request for funds, supported by McCarthy. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about county recycling. Arrow Sanitation has agreed to run a recycling program (they have one going on at this time). They want to hire a 'Recycling Coordinator' to train people about recycling. There was a question regards to why we should pay for an employee of Arrow Sanitation. After discussion, Kim Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to not participate in the current recycling plan which includes a Recycling Coordinator. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. The Groen Estate Committee has had it's first meeting. Talked about H1N1 flu. Bob submitted a 'what you need to know' bulletin about the H1N1 virus.

Fire Dept: Ron stated that Mike Colosimo will be doing some light electrical work in the hall. Kevin Klein has submitted an application for the dept. Will table this until the next meeting when Ron has other applicants. He stated that the Fire Department has received two (2) more donations from Oil/Gas Companies. Enbridge donated \$ 1000.00 and TransCanada (ANR) has donated \$ 900.00.

EMS: Jackie stated that she has received Julie Long's equipment. Talked about the H1N1 virus and the possibility of any EMS volunteer getting the vaccine. Jackie says most of the volunteers have had or will be getting the vaccine.

Planning: Mike Colosimo talked about wind generation for residential use. He says that there will be a 60' setback and a 15' limit above structures for residential wind generation. Talked about costs related to Planning/Zoning. He will be attending a Planning Commission meeting next Monday.

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Custodial: Duane talked about the need for work on the roadway into the Tri-Township Waste Station. Ron Koronka will check this out. He is continuing to clean up before winter.

Assessing: Sally talked about oil/gas cases. Getting close to being resolved. Some years will be a payback and some will be an increase. She will be changing her office hours from 12-3 to 1-4.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 19,287.88 (checks number 17482-17512) Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 12,575.41 (checks number 1697-1730) Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Sankowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the Roads Account bills presented in the amount of \$ 44,072.00. Payment in full on Brown Road and Fairgrieve Rd. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.