

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board—November 9, 2009

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 9, 2009.

All board members present. Others present: Willard Brown, Duane Switalski, Bob Fleury, Sherry Huff, Jos. Edwartowski, Mike Colosimo, Marian Lamb, Nancy Ortwine, Edith Lamb, Rene Campbell, Eber Wolf, Randy Stultz, Jessica Basinski, Kevin Klein, Jackie Klepadlo, Bob Harkness.

McCarthy 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, \$ 258,342.75; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 152,748.13. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Willard Brown reported on the Veteran's Memorial. Seven benches have been sold and if the township purchases one, the eight will be met. Brick sales are slow, but still coming in. Bob Fleury talked about the Otsego Taxpayers for Accurate Assessment. Group is looking at assessments, ratios, etc. Trying to get figures in line with true values in the area. Eber Wolf talked about the streetscape project. Says it looks great. He stated that he thought the lights were kind of dim. This was intentional. Mike Colosimo stated that the city of Gaylord is doing a study on the lighting on Main St.

Old Business: Talked about Land Use Services funding. Tabled from last meeting. Bob Harkness talked to John Burt and he stated that the budget numbers are correct. Zoning is under contract with employees. Talked about Building Dept. revenues and expenditures. Keith mentioned the amount of millages that have been passed to fund various departments of county government. Talked about how each townships' share of funding for the Land Use Services Dept. was set. Charlton Township is now looking to start Planning and Zoning as a township expense. Talked about setting up an ordinance, master plan and publishing the proper things to set up zoning/planning at the township level. After discussion, Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to sign a contract with Municipal Land Use Services of Otsego County for funding for services from 1-1-10 thru 12-31-10 for a cost of \$ 11,792.41 provided there are no increases due to some townships opting to not participate. Ayes, 4. Nays, 1 (Huff). Motion carried.

Opened snowplowing bids. Greg Tobias bid \$ 40.00 per hour for pickup; West NW bid \$ 50.00; A&D bid \$ 50.00; Chester Koronka bid \$ 38.00; Ron Paris bid \$ 30.00; Bailey Sides bid \$ 37.50. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to award the snowplowing bid for 2009-10 to Chester Koronka for a price of \$ 38.00 per hour for pickup and \$ 65.00 per hour for loader. Consideration given to Koronka because of his past work at the township and the fact that he is insured. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt notified those present that he plans to have part of the guard rail at the east side of the hall removed to make it better for snowplowing.

Decided to get some Christmas decorations for the new light poles in town.

Reports: Bob Harkness talked about planning/zoning.

Fire: Ron introduced two (2) new candidates for the Fire Department. Jessica Basinski and Kevin Klein. Talked about training. Ron stated that he talked to other fire departments and they do not pay for hours for attending FFI and FFII, but that they pay for the course and books. The upfront cost to the township for FFI & II would be \$ 450.00 for the course and approximately \$ 143.00 for books. Talked about Fire/EMS Guidelines for hiring. Huff moved, Samkowiak supported, to use the new guidelines for paying for the FFI & II course/books and not paying for hours of attendance at the course for the two (2) new firefighters and any other firefighter on the department at this time. The township will pay for the course and the books but not the hourly wage for training. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to hire Jessica Basinski and Kevin Klein as firefighters effective after a physical and MVR. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

EMS: Jackie reported that EMS members have received the H1N1 vaccine. She reported that Penny Banazak and Nicole Freeman have passed MVR but do not have a license yet. EMS is standing by at the varsity football games during the playoffs.

Planning: Mike Colosimo reported on small wind generation for residential. Talked about signage in the ordinance. Right now, the ordinance does not allow changing message signs. Corrections being made.

Custodial: Duane reported that Rock Road at the waste station has been graded by Chet Koronka. Electrical work has been completed for outside Christmas lights at the office building. Adams Carpet Cleaning will be doing the carpets at the office building. Cost to be \$ 225.00.

Mike McCarthy reported on recycling.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 18,844.83. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 6,901.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.