

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board—March 8, 2010

The regular March meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 8, 2010.

All Board members present. Others present: Joe Edwartowski, Bob Fleury, Laura Dines, Nancy Ortwine, John Poumadi, Nikki Poumadi, Dennis Lennox, Duane Switalski, Christine Fogarth, Barton Briley, Bob Harkness, Willard Brown, Bryan Kierzynski, Stacie Schiller, Beth Moss.

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.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 327,521.14; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 230,575.17. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township Regular meeting will be April 12, 2010. Next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be on March 16, 2010, at Corwith Hall.

Dennis Lennox was present at the meeting to give his qualifications for the office of State Representative for our area. Kevin Elsinheimer is retiring due to term limits. He is a county commissioner in Cheboygan County and stated that he brings much experience with him for the office. Some of those present asked questions of Mr. Lennox. He stated that jobs are the number one need in Michigan.

Audience: Willard Brown talked about the Veteran's Memorial. Things are going well. Bricks have been ordered (107). Needs to order the flag before the next township meeting. Matt stated that the concrete work is getting lined up.

Talked about the Vienna disposal injection well. Bob Fleury talked about Overtaxed Property.com. A web site for residential property taxes.

Old Business: Talked about zoning/planning for the township. Received information from John Burt regards to the cost for each township if the county continues to run planning/zoning. Charlton Township share would be approximately \$ 6,000.00 if we were to opt in. Two (2) townships have stated they will go with the county.

Discussed the township ballfield dugouts. J/L Little League is willing to pay for the construction of the dugouts. Beth Moss was present and stated that she has four (4) bids for the job. The township is interested in putting up the dugouts and plans to other work in the area that needs done. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to have the township pay for other work necessary to put up dugouts at the ballfield which includes, but is not limited to, moving the water line, moving the fence, moving the parking lot railing and other excavating in the area not to exceed \$ 5,000.00 without board input. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Keith Huff will oversee the townships' interest in the project.

Talked about getting a schedule from the Little League and the high school for use of the field and whether the Little League would have fund raisers at the site.

New Business: Barton Briley and Stacie Schiller were present at the meeting to talk about the old Kelly Store which they now oversee. They have made application for status as a 'Johannesburg Historical Site' and have applied for various grants for work on the building. They have done paperwork to get wind generation started at the site. They plan to have veggie vendors at the site during the summer and possibly vendors on the 4th of July. There was discussion about them having a polka dance on Maple St. on the 4th of July. Most of those present thought that the 4th of July was about the celebration at the park and that the street dance may take away from the celebration. After discussion, Matt Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to deny the closing of Maple St. on the 4th of July for a street dance. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Bob Harkness talked about their wind generation project and the need for zoning requirements.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. Talked about the proposed new animal shelter. Bob stated that the proposal as it now stands would spend money that is not covered by the animal shelter millage. Talked about H1N1 flu. He urged vaccination. Talked about the 2010 Census and about NEMCOG trying to merge areas of county and township governments. Keith asked about the \$ 25,000 the county spent on recycling. Bob stated that it was 'seed money' to get recycling started and that the county should get most of it back from fees.

Fire: Firefighter Bob Pewinski has passed away. Kim reported that Fire Chief Koronka had talked to her earlier in the day and asked about the township purchasing a new poly tank for a new fire truck tanker. He


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says the opportunity to purchase the tank came up recently and that it is a good buy at \$ 9,800.00. The board thought that it was probably a good deal but that a decision to purchase this tank without getting other bids was not in the best interest of the township. Also, if we purchased the tank it would more or less bind the township to one contractor to build the new truck. Ron also wanted to know when the new sign would be installed out by M-32 for the hall. Matt says it will be spring. Duane reported that Dan Kwapis will be off the Fire Dept. for about a month with a bad back. He also stated that there is an explosives class in Gaylord that he will be attending along with Rick Helzer and Jackie Klepadlo.

Assessing: Sally reported that Board of Review will be held on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Fund bills presented in the amount of \$ 20,025.38. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 1,426.30. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.