

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board--April 12, 2010

The regular April meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2010.

All board members present. Others present: Bob and Lorie Fleury, Willard Brown, Nancy Ortwine, Bob Harkness, Duane Switalski, Christine Fogarth, Sally Nowak, Mike Colosimo, Jackie Klepadlo, Katy King.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Huff moved, McCarthy 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 March 18, 2010, special meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 18, 2010, as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the 2010-11 Budget Year starting balances as follows: General Operation, \$ 333,085.85; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 292,937.54. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular Charlton Township meeting will be May 10, 2010.

Next regular O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be May 18, 2010, at Dover Township.

Audience: Bob Fleury talked about Planning/Zoning.

Old Business: Discussed Planning/Zoning. Matt presented a contract from Otsego County Land Use Services for planning and zoning for our township for 2011-12. If we continue to use the county for planning/zoning, the cost to the township will be \$ 6000.00 for 2011 and \$ 6180.00 for 2012. Mike Colosimo stated that he thought that there would be limited enforcement done by the county but that it may be enough for the township to get by for this period of time. McCarthy and Maschke talked about continuing the townships' development of a master plan and working toward township planning/zoning, but signing on to the county plan for the interim period. After discussion, Huff moved, Maschke supported, to sign a contract with the Otsego County Land Use Services for Planning/Zoning coverage for 2011-12 at a cost of \$ 6,000.00 for 2011 and \$ 6,180.00 for 2012 and to continue working on a plan for the township in the mean time. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Keith talked about progress on the dugouts at the park ball field. He stated he has sealed prints and that they will need a permit for the project. Decided to get a porta-potty for the park asap.

Discussed work on the Veteran's Memorial. A major issue has surfaced regards to the sidewalk being in the wrong place. Matt stated that MDOT has quotes for the work coming soon. In the mean time, Mike Proctor plans to get started on his portion of the work next Monday. Willard Brown asked Matt about the foundation for the granite monuments. Is it the right depth? Matt stated that he thought that it was plenty deep for the weight of the stones. Willard stated that he is sending in more brick orders and that there will be plenty of extra bricks for storage for the project.

New Business: Talked about tree removal at the park. Matt presented two (2) quotes for removal and stump grinding. Stuckman's Tree Service bid \$ 3,300.00 and Shawn Thomas Tree Service bid \$ 1,950.00. Matt Nowak moved, Huff supported, to contract with Shawn Thomas Tree Service for work at the park for a price of \$ 1,950.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Maschke moved, Samkowiak supported, to appoint Amy Corell, Shirley Potter, Bonnie Smith, Julie Pewinski and Sally Nowak as election officials for the 2010 election cycle. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Duane Switalski talked about a leaking roof at the waste station. It is not rain water that is leaking down into the office area but feces from a raccoon nest above the roof. Needs to be addressed soon. Matt will get some quotes and have the roof repaired soon.

Keith Huff stated that we need to get candidates lined up for the township Planning Commission. Will have names for the May meeting.

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Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. He stated that the county won't be doing recycling since Arrow Sanitation has started. County board currently looking for alternate sites for a new animal control building. Talked about unemployment in the area. Stated that there will be an air show in Gaylord in June.

EMS: Jackie talked about AED downloads at the county. Each time the machine is used, the data must be transferred to computer at the Station 6 facility.

Planning: Mike Colosimo talked about the county clamping down on zoning violators. He stated that they are citing many violations that are in the current zoning ordinance that normally are not cited. Talked about the fact that dumpsters need to be shielded in some areas of the county. Talked about signage on state highways. Discussed blinking or changing electronic signage.

Custodial: Duane Switalski reported that the new tractor has been delivered. Things are running well at the hall, waste station, etc.

Assessing: Sally reported that the Boards of Review are over and went well. Talked about the Tribunal Cases. Some are being resolved. Currently, about 23 cases pending.

Mike McCarthy talked about recycling.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 51,008.56. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 15,466.47. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.