

## Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—May 10, 2010

The regular May meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 10, 2010.

All board members present. Others present: Bob and Lorie Fleury, Nancy Ortwine, Lee Olsen, Bob Harkness, Stacie Schiller, Barton Briley, Ron Koronka, Curtis Briley, Jackie Klepadlo, Duane Switalski, Sally Nowak.

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, \$ 321,499.80; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 278,351.86. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular Charlton Township meeting will be June 14, 2010. Next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be May 18, 2010, at Chester Township.

Audience: Nancy Ortwine asked about having the county Commission on Aging pay for some maintenance and cleaning in the Senior Citizen room at the hall. Bob Harkness will check it out. She also stated that the roof is leaking at the hall again. Matt will check out getting DSL for the hall Senior room.

Lee Olsen announced that he will be seeking the office of County Commissioner for Chester/Charlton. He stated that Chester Township will be holding the Otsego County Township Officers meeting in May and that they will be honoring Mike Roper for his service to the county Road Commission.

Barton Briley asked about planting flowers on M-DOT right of way at the old Kelly General Store in Johannesburg. Those present thought that it would be 'ok' but that it is M-DOT's responsibility. He also asked about the minutes being published on the township website. Mike McCarthy reported that he sends the minutes in to the library in Gaylord and that sometimes they are not published right away. Curtis Briley gave information on computers to those present.

Old Business: Talked about appointments to the Township Planning Commission. Names presented for consideration included Keith Huff, Willard Brown, Larry Campbell, Penny Dice, Walter Keskinne, Paul Krudy, John or Deb Milbocker and Alan Ochsner. Lee Olsen stated that Chester Township uses three (3) year terms and they are staggered so that the entire board is not replaced at once. Maschke moved, Huff supported, to table discussion on Planning Commission appointments. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about the ball field dugouts. Keith Huff reported that they are complete except for painting. Mike Kenney, Mike Proctor, Keith Huff, Luke Townsend, Sonny Wells and others worked on the project. Keith reported that there is still work to do on the fence in front of the dugouts.

Matt stated that a company would fertilize and spread weed control on the township ball field for \$ 608.00 for the summer (4 applications). Decided to do it ourselves. Lack of water on the field is a problem for good turf.

Talked about the Veteran's Memorial. The sidewalk has been replaced. Bricks are done and on the way. Monuments will be delivered June 8 and benches about the same time. Working on seeding the lawn. Mike Proctor is planning to do some stone work in the area.

Roof repairs have started at the Waste Station. Ron Keyser is working on the project.

New Business: Talked about ZBA 10050 which is a request for variance by Jim and Karen Riling to have a to have an 8' x 10' shed and retaining wall remain on their Little Bear Lake property. Decided that we needed to look at the site and we just received the request today, so there wasn't time to look at it. Huff moved, Nowak supported, to table the request until the site can be examined. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff moved, Maschke supported, to authorize the supervisor to purchase a york rake for the township tractor. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Maschke moved, McCarthy supported, to authorize fireworks in the township for the July 4, 2010, celebration. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Maschke moved, McCarthy supported, to authorize a parade permit for the July 4, 2010, celebration. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Permits are for July 4<sup>th</sup> or the next available day weather wise.

Kim Samkowiak presented three (3) bids for the township audit. Reppuhn bid \$ 2900.00; James Camiller bid \$3600.00; Dan Smith bid \$ 4000.00. Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to let the bid for the township audit to James Camiller for a price of \$ 3600.00 which includes the F-65 report. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Bob Harkness reported on county activities. He stated that he is running for re-election for county commission. Talked about the NEMCOG effort to combine various services involving numerous counties.

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He stated that there are about eighteen (18) possible consolidations including Jail, Equalization, 9-1-1, medical insurance coverage and EMS. Bob gave a report on building permits and stated that there is an increase in activity. Talked about zoning enforcement.

Fire: Ron says he is down a couple of firefighters due to the death of Bob Pewinski and Chet Koronka. Has one (1) person who is interested but he is too far from the fire hall to be effective. Will get more applications.

EMS: Jackie wonders how much she can purchase without a bid. She needs to look at 2 or 3 vendors for prices and decide from that. She has a budget to work from.

Custodial: Duane says he is busy with spring cleanup and lawn work. Work is continuing on the waste storage roof.

Assessing: Sally reports nothing is new.

Comments: Bob Harkness says there is a request to move the Veteran's Administration to Grayling. The county board is not in favor of this.

Talked about the township hall repairs needed. Matt stated that we may need to do some painting, sheet metal repair and possibly brick work on the north end of the building.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 75,792.76. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 10,561.28. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.