

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Township Board—June 14, 2010

The regular June meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, June 14, 2010.

Board members present: Samkowiak, Huff, Nowak and Maschke.

Board members absent: McCarthy.

Others present: Sally Nowak, Bob and Lorie Fleury, Dave and Shirley Potter, Joe Tyree, Jim Riling, Bob Harkness, Lee Olsen, Nancy Ortwine, Duane Switalski, Jackie Klepadlo, Dave Washburn, Willard Brown.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Huff moved, Nowak supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as printed. Ayes, all. (4) Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 275,071.47; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 281,433.73. Huff moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular Charlton Township meeting will be July 12, 2010, and the next regular O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be July 20, 2010, at Dover Township.

Audience: Bob Fleury asked about broadband service. Matt explained the process.

Dave Potter stated that the farmer's market will start after the 4th of July.

Old Business: Discussed File Z10050 of the Otsego Co. Zoning Board of Appeals. This is a request of James Riling for variance to keep his 8' x 12' retaining wall/shed on Little Bear Lk. There was much discussion regards to the project. Most thought that the project conformed to other properties in the area. Keith and Mike McCarthy visited the site. Joe Tyree, neighbor of the Riling's thought that the project was well done and that it is needed because of the 75 steps to the lakeshore from the house. The board thought that the project was well done but that it is an obvious violation of the 50' greenbelt. After more discussion, Nowak moved, Samkowiak supported, to recommend to the Otsego County Zoning Board of Appeals that the variance be denied as it now stands due to the violation of the greenbelt. Ayes, all. (4). Motion carried.

Keith talked about the fact that some of these variance requests should be handled by the Zoning Board of Appeals and not the township. It was suggested that the township needs to have input into these cases.

Discussed names for the proposed township planning commission. Will make a determination at the next regular meeting.

Willard Brown gave an update on the Veteran's Memorial. Everyone thought that the project turned out very good. The memorial is basically done except for a light for the flag. The dedication of the project is planned for July 4, 2010, at 9:30 am with coffee and doughnuts at 9:00 am. Willard stated that the program should last about 30 minutes and that various veteran's organizations have been invited. There is a proposed fly-over planned for 9:45 am.

Talked about the cleaning of the carpet and chairs at the senior room at the hall. Bob Harkness stated that he thought the Commission on Aging may be able to get it done.

New Business: Maschke moved, Nowak supported, to sign a 'Resolution to Adopt' a pre-approved volume submitter plan with Burnham & Flower Ins. Group for the township pension plan. Roll call vote found all 'ayes'. Resolution adopted.

Samkowiak moved, Maschke supported, to adopt a 'Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies' with the Michigan Dept. of Transportation. This allows the township to periodically apply for permits from the MDOT to construct, operate, use and/or maintain utility or other facilities on, over, and under state trunkline rights-of-way at various locations in the township. Roll call vote found all 'ayes'. Resolution adopted.

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Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. There is a meeting coming up at NEMCOG regards to consolidation of services between various governmental units. He stated that some townships already have services consolidation. Talked about the upcoming air show at the county airport. There will be a dedication of a room at the terminal in honor of Pat McNamara. Talked about medical marijuana and the impact on Otsego County. He also stated that the Veteran's Administration office will remain in Otsego County but that there will be a new one built in Grayling.

Fire: Dave Washburn introduced himself to the board. He has applied to become a volunteer on the Charlton Twp. Fire Dept. He gave his list of certifications and expressed a desire to become a member. Ron Koronka was not present at the meeting, so no action was taken on his application. He lives in Dover Township approximately 11 miles from the fire hall.

EMS: Jackie talked about getting prices on a 4 wheeler type vehicle. She thanked the board for the new computer she has. She currently has one (1) volunteer not running. Talked about coverage for the 4th of July Celebration. She says she will have people on duty.

Custodial: Duane says he is busy. Everyone thought that he is doing a great job for the township.

Assessing: Sally stated that there is nothing to report at this time.

Huff moved, Maschke supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 24,447.80. Ayes, all. (4). Motion carried.

Huff moved, Maschke supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 4,106.53. Ayes, all. (4). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.