

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP BOARD—July 12, 2010

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

All board members present. Others present: Eber Wolf, Nancy Ortwine, Lee Olsen, Bob Harkness, Bob Fleury, Mike Colosimo, Duane Switalski, Willard Brown, Jackie Klepadlo, Sheryl Borton.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 260,037.77; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 277,398.96. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township meeting will be August 9, 2010, and the next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be on July 20, 2010, at Dover Township.

Audience: Eber Wolf talked about the work he is doing on Veteran's markers at the cemeteries. Nancy Ortwine reminded the board that the roof is still leaking at the senior room at the hall. Lee Olsen stated that the Veteran's Memorial dedication was very impressive and that he was honored to be able to have walked in the parade as a vet. He also gave his qualifications for the County Commissioner seat coming up in the August election. Roberta Tholl was present at the meeting to give her qualifications for the Road Commissioner seat coming up in the August election.

Old Business: Matt Nowak recommended five (5) persons to be appointed to a three (3) year term as members of the proposed Charlton Township Planning Commission. After discussion, Maschke moved, Nowak supported, to appoint Keith Huff (ex officio), Walt Keskinen, Willard Brown, Bob Fleury and Mike Colosimo to three (3) year terms as members of the proposed Charlton Township Planning Commission. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Willard Brown gave a final report on the Veteran's Memorial. The upkeep of the memorial will now be in the hands of the Charlton Township Board. Talked about fencing around the project. Matt will check with various fence companies. Talked about the fact that the light for the flag turned up missing. Duane left the light in the fire hall after finding it outside the fire hall door. This was last winter. When it was time to put it up, it was not to be found. Mike Colosimo installed another light as a temporary measure and will now install the proper one. Keith thought that we should contact the police regards to the missing light. After more discussion, Huff moved, Samkowiak supported, to have the Clerk update names on the Veteran's Memorial before May 1st of each year. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business: none.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on County Commission activities. He stated that the Veteran's Memorial dedication went very well. The county board will be offering various resolutions in conjunction with Alpenfest. Talked about dioxins in lakes and streams in Northern Michigan. The Otsego County Planning Commission will discuss marijuana zoning restrictions at their next meeting. He talked about his qualifications for the office of County Commissioner and reminded those present to get out and vote on August 3rd.

Fire: Ron will be turning in two (2) applications for firefighters. He is currently working on specs. for a new fire truck tanker. Talked about the old 1947 fire truck. Don Sklarczyk will store it until something is done with it. Matt thought that the Groen estate may want it later. Discussed problems at the Vienna Fire Dept. Ron will check with the Lewiston Fire Chief to see what is going on. In the meantime, the Vienna Dept. would like to train with Charlton Township. Matt thought we should wait to see what is going on at that department.

EMS: Jackie introduced Sheryl Borton to the board. She has applied to be a member of the EMS. Since the board has not had time to review her application, she will not be hired at this time. She is a registered nurse at Otsego Memorial Hospital and would be a very good candidate. After discussion, McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to have Sheryl Borton attend MFR class in August to be eligible to be hired as a member of the EMS squad. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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Planning: Mike Colosimo talked about county planning. Mike says they are working on some gravel pit problems and on electronic signage. Talked about livestock in non-ag areas. He stated that a new concrete plant will be coming to Elmira. Talked about zoning for the new marijuana law. Keith Huff talked about the building department at the county. He wondered how many employees there are currently and wanted to know about fees charged by the building department. Bob Harkness stated that he thought there were 3 ½ to 4 ½ people working at the department. He will check this out and get back with the board.

Custodial: Duane stated that he is very busy. Talked about the age of some of the equipment we use.

Assessing: Board of Review will meet on July 20, 2010, to correct errors.

Mike McCarthy talked about the Riling variance request. The county approved the variance with some exceptions. Mr. Riling showed up at the county Zoning Board with various pictures of violations of the greenbelt on Little Bear Lake. The Charlton Township Board had recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals deny the request because of a violation of the greenbelt.

Kim talked about getting the signs for the hall and office that we suggested on the five (5) year plan. Matt will work on it. She stated that the senior room at the hall has been cleaned and the carpet cleaned. Commission on Aging helped out with that.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills presented in the amount of \$ 17,636.63. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills presented in the amount of \$ 8,746.71. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.