

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP. BOARD—JANUARY 9, 2017

The regular January meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, January 9, 2017.

All board members present. Others present: Willard Brown, Duane Switalski, Roger Latuszek, Bob and Kerri Hunter, Bob and Lorie Fleury, Sally Nowak, Jackie Haag.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

Kim gave the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation Account, \$ 390,733.14; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 282,705.01. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Roger Latuszek was present at the meeting representing the Groen Preserve. He talked about the new proposed entrance to the property which will be on Hetherton Road. There was much discussion about roadwork on Hetherton Road including a possible left turn lane into the Groen property. Willard Brown stated that John Burt, county administrator, knows about the proposed left turn lane but has not reported back to the planning commission or the board. Matt will check with the Otsego County Road Commission regards to the left turn lane to see if it is possible to include it into the proposed Hetherton Road work.

New Business: Nothing.

Reports: County Commissioner Duane Switalski gave a brief report on county activities. He stated that the first regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 10, 2017. He talked about the seven (7) fatalities on M-32 east of Gaylord in the past two (2) years and will check with the road commission to see if there is any signage that could improve the situation. He also gave a list of the committees he will be on. Talked about the proposed bike trail south of Gaylord.

Custodial: Duane says the septic system at the hall has been temporarily repaired and that the tank will be pumped out in the spring. He has mostly been working on snow removal.

Fire: Bob Hunter gave a report on fire activities. Mike Hoy has been elected Assistant Chief. The department has a training burn of a house on December 18, 2016. Three (3) other departments attended the training. The water pump in the holding tank at the fire hall is not working at this time. Should be repaired soon. He will be ordering some new equipment including safety vests and helmets.

EMS: Jackie says they have had a busy quarter. Had all EMS personnel at the fatal accident on M-32 last week. The tracks have been put on the Ranger.

Planning: Willard Brown gave a report. Discussed the new Master Plan for the township. Township Board will review and make any changes and then give back to the planning commission. Discussed the ten-year plan for the township. Mostly roadwork. Talked about roadwork and the possibility of moving some roadwork up a year since township funds are available. Matt will check with the road commission.

Assessing: Sally says they have a small claims hearing in Cheboygan on a property. There will be a B.O.R. training February 27, 2017.

Budget Adjustment: Maschke moved, Huff supported, to transfer \$ 1,000.00 from Parks and Recreation (690) to Elections (191-740) to cover a shortfall. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 18,634.53 and Fire/EMS Account bills of \$ 8,277.27. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.