

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—December 10, 2012

The regular December meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 10, 2012.

All board members present. Others present: Bob Fleury, Lee Olsen, Sally Nowak, John and Nikki Poumade, Ron Koronka.

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 Fund, \$ 228,072.00; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 301,253.53. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Matt stated that he hadn't received a contract from Waste Management for the trash hauling at the waste station. He claims it is costing us approximately \$ 300.00 extra per week because we haven't signed the new contract. He will call again.

Talked about the recent township audit. Everything looks good.

Kim talked about the possibility of having a credit card policy for the township. She is getting a copy of the City of Gaylord's policy for us to look at. It was more or less decided that the Clerk, Supervisor, Fire Chief or Trustees do not need a card and if they do, they can get it from Kim. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to establish a credit card policy and to put a \$ 5000.00 limit on it. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Ron talked about getting the pump fixed at the fire department. The pump is in a 10,000 gallon tank and feeds water to fill trucks. He has been waiting on two (2) other companies to get a bid. He thought that Hart Well Drilling would do the best job. After more discussion, Huff moved, Nowak supported, to have Hart Well Drilling repair the pump for a price of \$ 7,872.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business: Talked about repainting the interior of the hall. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to have Adorn Painting of Johannesburg repaint the interior portions of the hall including the banquet room, foyers, hallways, restrooms and exterior doors in the banquet room. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Discussed proposed changes to the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance as outlined in a letter from the Otsego County Land Use department. The township planning commission recommended that the board accept the changes. Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to recommend approval of the changes outlined in a letter from the Otsego County Land Use Services dated October 29, 2012, and supported by the Charlton Township Planning Commission. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Nowak moved, Samkowiak supported, to appoint Walt Keskinen as a member of the Charlton Township Planning Commission for the next three (3) years effective 1-1-2013. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, Nowak supported, to have the township planning commission hold their regular meetings at 7:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month effective January 1, 2013. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Nowak moved, Huff supported, to appoint Sandra Wagner, Willard Brown and Mike Colosimo to a new two (2) year term as members of the Board of Review. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim talked about interest on Tax Tribunal payments. The interest will start immediately at about 4%. She also talked about a Treasurer's meeting she attended regards to 'over/under' payments of taxes. The county wants her to use the \$ 5.00 rule which means she doesn't return overpayments that are over \$ 5.00 and she doesn't bill tax payers for payments made that are short \$ 5.00 or less.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. Talked about the Groen property and the installation of the 'Big Wheels'. The county emergency manager has resigned and Jon Deming will do the job on an interim basis. County has advertised for a new 9-1-1 director. County is looking to increase security at the courthouse so they are working on the entrances.

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He stated that the county will be billing all tax entities to try to recover funds lost during tax sales of property.

Fire: Ron received a DNRE grant for \$ 2,150.00. Will use the funds for jump suits for brush fires and for foam. The Johannesburg Volunteer Fire Dept. donated \$ 500.00 to Toys for Tots and have packaged 330 bags of candy for the school Christmas program. He stated that truck #101 will need a wheel alignment. Matt stated that a firefighter has hurt his back and neck at a fire. He is being treated.

Planning: Nothing.

Custodial: Nothing.

Assessing: Sally says final ratios are in. Most things the same as last year. Talked about taxable and assessed values and personal property taxes.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 18,796.39. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$ 2,769.37. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt stated he has talked to Up North Fires' attorney regards to the fire truck settlement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.