

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—August 11, 2014

The regular August meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 11, 2014.

All board members present. Others present: Duane Switalski, Eber Wolf, Willard Brown, Ron Koronka, Sally Nowak, Larry and Renae Campbell, Lee Olsen.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$343,772.94; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 310,000.54. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township regular meeting will be September 8, 2014.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Talked about roadwork. Discussed the proposed millage for the November ballot for road commission. Willard Brown was present at the meeting and talked about our five (5) year plan for roadwork. He stated that the road commission had moved our projects to a later date. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to send a letter to the Otsego County Road Commission regards to the fact that Charlton Township proposed roadwork has been pushed back in favor of other county projects. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Matt stated that if the road commission millage passes, it would mean approximately one million dollars paid by Charlton Township taxpayers over a period of ten (10) years. There was a question as to whether we would get a good return on our investment toward roadwork in the township. Matt state that he will try to get Tom Deans of the road commission at our next meeting.

Talked about light fixture or light tube replacement for various fixtures at the township hall and office. Mike McCarthy presented an itemized evaluation of our needs for more efficient lighting. Talked about replacing T-12 tubes with T-8. Mike thought that the project would cost approximately \$ 19,286.00. A payback would cover the cost of the project. Duane thought that a number of fixtures would need to be replaced since they are old. Matt will get prices from local electricians and from Great Lakes Energy.

New Business: Talked about a dangerous curve on Dagon Road between Hetherton Road and M-32. Larry and Renae Campbell were present at the meeting and talked about problems with the curve. Other people have complained about the dangerous curve in the past. Matt will look to the road commission for direction and prices on this project.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to set the allocated millage rate at 0.9542 for Tax Year 2015. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to set the voted millage rate (Fire/EMS) at 0.600 for Tax Year 2015. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Matt moved, Huff supported, to collect a 1% Tax Administration Fee on taxes collected in 2015 Tax Year. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. The county collected 41,700 pounds of toxic waste at its collection day at a cost of \$ 34,356.00. The Michigan State Police is moving its regional office from Traverse City to Gaylord. Keith asked about county funds going to Gaylord's streetscape project. Lee stated that the county has put in funds because the area being proposed for improvement includes the county building.

Fire: Ron says the new fire truck may be delivered soon. Lee stated that there will be a fire chiefs meeting in Gaylord on August 18, 2014.

EMS: Nothing.

Planning: Willard stated that there will not be a county meeting in August. September 15th is the date to approve a capital improvement plan for the county. Keith talked about the number of millages on the tax roles.

Custodial: Duane says Rock Road at the Tri-Township Waste Station needs improvement. Matt will check with the road commission. Cody is working less since football has started. Duane will be on vacation for a week and a half in February.