

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—November 10, 2014

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 10, 2014

All board members present. Others present: Willard Brown, Sally Nowak, Duane Switalski, Ron Koronka, Jackie Haag.

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, \$340,792.91; Fire/EMS Account, \$229,000.49. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

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

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to award the snowplowing bid to Ron Koronka Excavating for a per hour price of \$ 42.00 for pickup truck, \$ 70.00 per hour for loader or dump truck. Ayes, all. Motion carried. This was the only bid received.

Talked about an insurance quote Matt received from EMC Insurance Co. Decided to have Mike McCarthy and Kim Samkowiak meet with the representative to talk about the plan to see if it is better than our current plan.

Keith asked about the broken bricks at the township hall. Matt says he is checking with contractors.

Talked about the election. The women on the election board did a great job.

New Business: Kim talked about a county Treasurer's meeting she attended. They talked about raising the per parcel price charged to schools for summer tax collection. We have been charging Johannesburg/Lewiston Area Schools \$ 2.50 per parcel since the program started. Kim thought that a raise to \$ 3.50 per parcel could be possible. She will meet again with other Treasurer's later in the year to decide. There was much discussion regards to bad checks for taxes and other services. After discussion, Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to set a NSF check fee at \$ 35.00 per check. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Decided we need a new computer for tax bill viewing. Had township audit today. Auditor says looks good.

Discussed a letter from Burnham & Flower Insurance Co. They will be lowering quarterly pension fees.

Reports: County Commission: Nothing.

Fire: Ron stated that we will be needing new rear tires for the new fire truck as they are weather checked.

EMS: Jackie talked about Doug and Evelyn Fox and their application for employment on the EMS squad. Much discussion regards to their location in Chester Township. Jackie thought that we have a good group as of this time. After discussion, Samkowiak moved, Nowak supported, to not hire Evelyn and Doug Fox at this time due to the fact that their geographical location in Chester Township makes it almost impossible for them to respond to runs locally but to keep their applications on hand. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Planning: Willard talked about the county meeting. They approved a Verizon tower on county property near Old State Road and I-75. Dreffs gravel pit has been approved for the next five (5) years. There will be a public hearing on the proposed Wolverine Power plant in Elmira Township.

Custodial: Duane says winter here. Busy fall with hall rentals. Now working on Christmas decorations. Duane