

Minutes of regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—April 13, 2015

The regular April meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00pm on Monday, April 13, 2015.

All board members present. Others present: Willard Brown, Bob Fleury, Ron Koronka, Nikki and John Poumade, Lee Olsen, Sally Nowak, Jackie Haag, Keri Hunter.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

Next regular meeting will be May 11, 2015.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2015, special meeting and the March 19, 2015, Public Hearing on Proposed Budgets. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Matt says he is still working on insurance coverage.

New Business: Willard Brown gave recommendations from the Charlton Township Planning Commission for changes to the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance. After discussion, Huff moved, Samkowiak supported, to recommend the following items to the Otsego County Land Use Services: (1) Approve new wording for Article 9.2.4 (Special uses for AR agricultural Resource District) in the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance for allowing auction yards for livestock and or agricultural equipment. (2) approve the change to Article 17 (Schedule of Dimensions) in the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance for Highway District max building height adding note "G". (3) approve the changes to Article 17 (Schedule of Dimensions) in the Ordinance for FR & AR Districts adding note "M" to minimum front setbacks. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Bob Fleury thanked Willard Brown for his good service to the planning commission.

Matt read a letter from John Hughes of Apple St. in Little Bear Lake 1st Addition. Mr. Hughes was wondering if the township could help with a problem with road maintenance on Apple St. The residents of Apple St. at this location are not in the Little Bear Lake Association and the road is not maintained by the Otsego County Road Commission. They use a private contractor for maintenance. This is not a township responsibility and it is not a road commission responsibility so there is little that can be done. Matt will call the road commission to see what alternatives are available for this road.

Kim and Sally talked about the need to change computer systems to a Dot.Net program. Kim read a letter from BS & A Software. We will need to change by November. Assessing program would be \$ 5,105.00; Tax program would be \$ 4,345.00; original software would be \$850.00 and the annual fee would be approximately \$2100.00. Then new computers would have to be purchased for the assessor and treasurer. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to purchase Dot.Net program, software, training and computers at an approximate cost of \$15,000.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a brief report on county happenings. Charlton Township will get more work on re-monumentation this summer. County received some funds from the state that they had not anticipated. Funds will be used for a new Medical Examiners office and some work on the community center. Talked about recycling.

Fire: Nothing.

EMS: Jackie says the 9-1-1 committee is working on fiber optic cabling for better communication when there are line problems. Keith thought that Jackie should contact Todd Seidell Architect for drawings of an office area in the EMS barn.

Assessing: Sally stated that Board of Review went well.

Planning: No county meeting this month.