

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—March 11, 2013

The regular March meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2013.

All board members present. Others present: Duane Switalski, Bob Fleury, Willard Brown, Maureen Derenzy, Jackie Skinner, Vicki Hoecherl, John & Nikki Poumade, Ron Koronka, Tyler Nash, Jackie Klepadlo, Lee Olsen.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

Kim presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 267,306.05; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 338,676.15. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton meeting will be April 8, 2013, and the next O.C.T.O.A. meeting is April 16, 2013, at Livingston.

Audience: Nothing.

New Business: Maureen Derenzy, Jackie Skinner and Vicki Hoecherl were present at the meeting representing the Otsego County Library. Maureen gave a brief history of the county library. Townships were out of the library business in 1926 until the 1960's. Library substations were developed in 1964 in several locations including Johannesburg. The Johannesburg branch has 802 users now. Maureen came to the meeting to talk about broadband service in the area. Fiber optic cable has been installed. The Otsego County Library has been awarded grants to cover most of the costs of installing broadband service. She offered the township the opportunity to hook up to the fiber optic broadband cable. Instead, the township has decided to use the wireless service available thorough the library in our building.

Ron introduced Tyler Nash as a candidate for the Charlton Township Fire Dept. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to hire Tyler Nash as a member of the Charlton Township Fire Dept. effective with a passed physical and the MVR. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Old Business: Talked about a credit card policy. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the credit card management policy as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: County Commission. Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He reported that Livingston Township has won an award for the construction of a timber bridge in the township. Talked about recycling. Lee stated that some sites are being moved. Our site will need to have some upgrades to be used for recycling. He also stated that the DNR is purchasing parcels of land in the township. Keith Huff questioned if the DNR is expanding the Pigeon River Area more all the time.

Fire: Ron talked about the successful chili cook off. He also stated that the firefighters will be attending pipeline training at Treetops Resort.

EMS: Jackie reported that she has taken on additional responsibilities for the 9-1-1 program and may not be available as often. Things should work out 'ok' with her running the EMS as she stated that we have a very capable crew on hand at this time. She will also send some EMS people to the Treetops pipeline training.

Planning: Willard Brown gave a report on planning in the county and township. There is a public hearing coming up for setbacks in FR, Residential and AG.

Custodial: Duane talked about electrical work being done at the hall. Talked about emergency lighting for the hall and the need for a new generator.

Assessing: Board of Review will be on Tuesday and Thursday.

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Talked about recycling again. Lee and Mike McCarthy discussed the good and bad of the recycling program.

Kim talked about tax collections for the past year. She collected 95.8 %.

Talked about the township website. Kim stated that she can put various items on the site.

Mike McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Operation bills in the amount of \$ 21,729.52. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$ 1,490.91. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.