

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—April 14, 2014

The regular April meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 14, 2014.

All board members present. Others present: Dave & Shirley Potter, Lee and LuAnn Olsen, Willard Brown, Ron Koronka, Duane Switalski, Sally Nowak, Scott Whitcomb, Jackie Klepadlo, Larry & Amy Corell.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the Special meeting of March 13, 2014, and the Public Hearing minutes of March 13, 2014. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$379,409.55; Fire/EMS Account, \$321,954.94. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt talked about an ICS account we have with 1st Federal Bank. Seems the funds are deposited in the Bank of China. Kim stated that this is the recommendation of our auditor.

Audience: Dave and Shirley Potter were present at the meeting to request funds for 4th of July fireworks. Matt stated that the board had budgeted \$ 1500.00 for this purpose payable to Wolverine Fireworks.

Old Business: Discussed contract we have with S.A.N.E. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to pay \$ 500.00 to S.A.N.E. for FY 2014-15. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Keith attended a road commission meeting regards to future roadwork in the township. He stated that the County Road Commission is planning on re-surfacing Gingell Road north of M-32 in 2015. Talked about engineering fees for the road projects. Also, there is no roadwork planned for 2016.

New Business: Scott Whitcomb of the Michigan DNR was present at the meeting to talk about the possible purchase of a 40 acre parcel by the DNR. The property is located in the Pigeon River area in T31N. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to support the Michigan DNR in their efforts to purchase a 40 acre parcel owned by Schmid/Griffin on the Black River in T31N of Charlton Township. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Keith notified the board that he has possible donations for a flag pole at the park/ballfield. Matt thought that it would be \$ 1000.00 to \$1500.00 for a decent size pole. Keith will check with his contacts and Matt will check out prices.

LuAnn Olsen, Chester Township Supervisor, was present at the meeting to talk about fire coverage by Charlton Township for the east portion of their township. She was questioning the increase proposed for each fire truck and each EMS run. Charlton Township has proposed a \$50.00 increase for each truck and EMS run. She stated that Chester Township had already prepared their budget and did not include an increase. Discussed possibly billing homeowners insurance companies for each structure fire. Most thought that it was up to Chester Township to bill insurance companies. After more discussion, it was decided that the fee increase would stand and that Charlton Township would need to notify Chester of any changes earlier in the year.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He stated that Lisa McComb has been hired as the new Economic Alliance director. The county is continuing re-monumentation of section corners in the township. Talked about the proposed new lawn remodeling at the courthouse. Lee reported that 106,500 passengers rode the county bus system last year. They will be replacing five (5) busses this year. There (3) millages have been approved for the August Primary Election. Keith talked about Sportsplex funding.

Fire: Ron is ordering new turnout gear for the new firefighters and some misc. tools. Turnout gear costs approximately \$ 2200.00 per outfit.

EMS: Jackie says they are not real busy. Two new hires have completed First Responder class. She wondered if the township would pay for a National Test for First Responders. It was decided that the township does not require a National Test so we will not pay for it. Talked about how various departments work together on fire runs and EMS runs. There will be a safety meeting May 20, 2014, at the ANR facility on Old State Road.

Township Planning: Willard Brown stated that there is no May meeting scheduled. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to take the Planning Commission's recommendation and approve the definition change on service roads in the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Custodial: Duane says he is waiting for spring. The backflow preventer at the fire hall has been tested and is OK.

Assessing: Sally says B.O.R. went well. She has 20 statements that need review.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Fund bills in the amount of \$30,128.11 and the Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$4,732.15. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.