

## Minutes of regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—September 12, 2016

The regular September meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00pm on Monday, September 12, 2016.

All board members present. Others present: Bob and Keri Hunter, Dave and Sandy Laginess, Willard Brown, Sally Nowak, Erick Thorpe, Bob Harkness, Ron Koronka, Jackie Haag, Larry Corell.

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 Fund, \$ 405,387.11; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 285,991.45. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Dave Laginess asked about a streetlight at M-32 and Gingell Road. Matt says it is in the works.

Old Business: Talked about Gingell Road and M-32 streetlight. There are different prices for different lights. Matt says it will cost the township \$ 75.00 for cost estimates.

New Business: Nowak moved, Samkowiak supported, to sign a mutual aid agreement with the MDNR for fire protection in the township. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about the hall brick repair where someone backed into the wall by the front door. Nowak moved, Huff supported, to have Northern Michigan Masonry repair the wall for a price of \$ 3,000.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to set 2016 Tax Year Operation Millage at 0.9542 and Fire/EMS Voted Millage at 0.600. Also, Charlton Township will collect a 1% Tax Administration Fee. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. Not too much happening. Talked about the GP property. Lots of environmental problems with the property. No one interested in the property so far. Bob talked about an 'angel' program being started by the Michigan State Police where people under the influence of drugs can come to the post and have a person help them. Some problems with the startup as the police post is closed at night.

Fire: Ron talked about his retirement. The board will find out who is interested in taking his place at the next fire meeting scheduled for September 21, 2016. Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to accept Ron Koronka's resignation as Fire Chief effective October 1, 2016, with regrets. He may stay on as a firefighter for mostly administrative duties. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Ron started in 1981. Talked about Brenda Kwapis being radio operator for the fire department. Jackie stated that she would make out an application. Decided she would not need Firefighter I and II.

Matt talked about the grant process. He will attend a meeting on September 14, 2016. Talked about other items for the Fire Department. Kim thought that we should wait to discuss hiring other firefighters and for other items for the department until we make a decision on the operating millage for the department as the current millage expires this tax year.

EMS: Jackie talked about covering football games with EMS. There will be a special recognition for the military at the J/L against St. Mary's football game.

Planning: Willard says September meeting cancelled. October 5<sup>th</sup> is next meeting. There were complaints about noise from the new power plant near Elmira at the last county planning meeting. Company working on it. Reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan. 2017 should be roadwork on Phase 1 of Meridian Line Road. Road Commission meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Custodial: Nothing.

Assessing: Nothing.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 20,967.33 and Fire/EMS bills of \$ 2,976.27. Ayes, all. Motion carried.