

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP. BOARD- APRIL 10, 2017

The regular April meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 10, 2017.

Board members present: Nowak, Huff, McCarthy and Maschke. Members excused: Samkowiak. Others present: Willard Brown, Duane Switalski, Bob Fleury, George Pewinski, Kerri Hunter, Jordan Kettlewell, Roger Latuszek, Mike Hoy, Sally Nowak.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting, the Special meeting on March 21, 2017, and the Public Hearing held on March 21, 2017, as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mike McCarthy gave the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 500,213.17; Fire/EMS Account \$323,749.15. Huff moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular township board meeting will be May 8, 2017, and the next OCTOA meeting will be April 18, 2017, at 6:00 pm at Charlton Township.

Audience: Jordan Kettlewell of the Otsego County Sheriff's Dept. was present at the meeting to ask if there were any concerns.

Old Business: Talked about the proposed Fire Dept. Cadet program. Talked about training of cadets, labor laws regards to the program and the possibility of paying the cadets. Decided that cadets cannot attend school and training for the fire department in excess of 40 hours per week. Matt is waiting on our insurance company for their review of the program.

Discussed the grant that the fire department has in the works. Matt will review whether he can write the grant or if we should hire Robert Dack to do the grant. Will know by the May meeting.

Talked about roadwork. Matt and Willard Brown will meet with Tom Deans on Wednesday and the entire board will meet in the near future with the road commission.

New Business: Will make a decision on hiring a part time summer help person at the May meeting. It has been advertised.

Reports: Duane gave a report on county activities. Stated that the Animal Control Dept. will be building a garage. The Hazardous Waste collection will be held at the Road Commission on June 10, 2017. Talked about the rails to trails project through Gaylord.

Fire: George and Mike Hoy reported that they have the water tank for the fire hall and that it will be worked on in the near future. George will work on the pump.

EMS: Maschke moved, Huff supported, to hire Courtney Stanley as a member of the EMS Squad depending upon the MVR. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Kerri reported that there will be at least four (4) attending the MFR Class in Gaylord soon. Huff moved, Nowak supported, to appoint Kerri Hunter as interim EMS Coordinator. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Planning: Willard stated that the May 3, 2017, meeting of the planning commission will be for public input on the new Master Plan. He also stated that three (3) members of the planning commission will be attending training soon. Talked about Otsego County Land Use Services budget. Charlton Township currently pays \$6,180.00 per year toward their budget. Most thought that the county could retake over this expense and that the townships should not have to pay yearly any more.

Custodial: Duane says thanks to the board for fixing the lighting at the township hall. He has been cleaning up at the cemeteries and will soon start spring outside work.

Assessing: Sally says there has been a settlement in Jordan Development Tax Tribunal case. Gas wells are going down in assessment.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 18,432.35 and Fire/EMS bills of \$7,301.60. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.