

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP. BOARD –JULY 9, 2018

The regular July meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 9, 2018.

All board members present. Others present: Randall Haley, Marilyn Haley, Bob Brown, Gaylann Brown, Jim Wagner, Ginny Quillan, Willard Brown, Jos. Zielinski, Duane Switalski, Bob and Kerri Hunter, Bob Fleury, Sally Nowak, Geo. Pewinski.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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 Operation, \$379,538.11; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 315,830.82. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Bob Fleury asked about an accident on Old State Road.

Old Business: Talked about a meeting Matt had with MDOT regards to the speed limit on M-32 in Johannesburg. Matt stated that they will do an unofficial speed study. If they do an official study, MDOT is bound by the outcome which could lead to a higher speed limit instead of a lower one. Talked about the possibility of a 4-way stop at the corner in Johannesburg.

Discussed roadwork. Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to sign a contract with the Otsego County Road Commission for improvements to Dagon Road north of M-32 and south of Hetherton Road. A dangerous hill and curve will be improved. Cost is \$ 35,600.00 with the township paying \$ 17,800.00. Matt will check with the road commission to make sure their funding is out of the general fund of the road commission and not out of millage monies. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business: Decided to dispose of a list of obsolete or worn out pieces of equipment. Matt and Duane will come up with a list of items.

Maschke moved, Huff supported, to appoint Bonnie Smith, Darlene Hall, Shirley Potter and Jean Lyon as Election Officials for the 2018 Election cycle. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Seven residents of the Clear Lake area in the township were present at the meeting to lodge a complaint regards to fireworks on the lake over the 4th of July week. Fireworks are legal over the holiday but it appears that an individual on the lake disregards many concerns of the group. Much debris from the display ends up on other peoples' property and in the lake. Also, the dry conditions made it possible to cause a fire. Talked about the fact that there is no county ordinance regards to fireworks. Keith suggested that the board write a letter to the Otsego County Commissioners, Sheriff and MI State Police to make them aware of the situation.

Willard Brown gave information regards to a change to the Zoning Ordinance. Talked about Section 5b R2b (principal uses permitted). Matt moved, Mike supported, to take the recommendations of the Charlton Township Planning Commission and notify the Otsego County Land Use Services of the recommendation and to state that the changes should only be for existing manufactured dwellings and not for new placements. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Duane gave a report on county activities. There will be an open house at the DNR regards to forest management. Camp Grayling is doing a joint land use survey around the bombing range. Recreational marijuana use may be on November ballot. Talked about some positions needing filled at the county.

Fire: Chief Hunter presented an application for a firefighter. Will discuss at August meeting.

EMS: Nothing.

Planning: County Planning will hold two (2) public hearings on items next week.

Custodial: Duane busy. Lots of clean up outside after the celebration. Getting man lift next week to do some outside work.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 21,405.44 and Fire/EMS bills of \$ 5,617.72. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.