

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—December 12, 2011

The regular December meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 12, 2011.

All board members present. Others present: Lee Olsen, Brian Burns, Sally Nowak, John and Nikki Pomety, Edith Lamb, Nancy Ortwine, Bob Fleury.

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 Fund, \$ 210,782.84; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 195,044.40. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular Charlton meeting will be January 9, 2012, and the next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be January 17, 2012, at Charlton.

Audience: Bob Fleury asked about the Groen property. Lee Olsen will give a report later in the meeting. He also asked about the Master Plan from Wade-Trim. Matt will check on it.

Old Business: Talked about the Christmas lights on the streetlights. Matt says some are not working at this time. He and Duane will check it out on Tuesday. Keith Huff asked about some work on the township hall. Matt will check out the downspouts and some doors that hit the brick wall when opened.

Matt notified those present that the waste station will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

New Business: Brian Burns of PIE & Gas was present at the meeting to talk about electricity and natural gas in the area. This is an annual visit to the township. PIE & Gas has approximately 100 electricity customers and 400 gas customers in the township. The net rate for gas was down \$0.12 from last year. Keith Huff asked about expansion of gas service in the township. Mr. Burns stated that they are looking into Lake Louise (Chester Township) and that anyone can get gas service if they pay most of the cost of running pipelines and hooking up costs. He stated that the company has some capital outlay funds available for expansion.

Mike McCarthy talked about the township website which is currently being posted by the Otsego County Library. He stated that Alpine WebSites would do our publishing monthly for a fee of \$ 35.00 per month. The set up charge of \$ 1,449.00 would be waived if we decided to do it. This would give us a website that is current and up-to-date. Mike says the library is way behind in posting. After discussion, Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to set up the township website through Alpine Websites. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Kim asked about posting tax information on the website. Mike will check this out.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He passed out copies of the Otsego County Buss System fee schedule. He stated that there will be another air show next year. County millage rates have been established. Talked about the Groen property. Phase one has been completed. Over 700 acres have been transferred to the county along with \$ 50,000.00 from the trust fund. There are plans to move the entrance gate from Maple St. to the corner of Gingell and Waters Roads. There should be some trails, etc., ready by mid-summer. There is a lot of work to be done.

Fire: Talked about getting the poly tank repaired at CSI. Matt says he is coordinating the job.

Custodial: Working on Christmas lights and have changed burned out street lights at the hall and pavilion.

Assessing: Sally talked about assessments for oil/gas.

Kim talked about getting dog licenses. Lee Olsen will get them coming.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the General Operation bills in the amount of \$ 19,349.05. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$ 851.67. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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