

## Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—December 14, 2015

The regular December meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Clerk Ivan Maschke at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 14, 2015.

Board members present: Samkowiak, Huff, McCarthy and Maschke. Members absent: Nowak.

Others present: Willard Brown, Eber Wolf, Brian Samkowiak, Duane Switalski, Lee Olsen, Lori and Bob Fleury, Ron Koronka, Sally Nowak.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

McCarthy moved, Samkowiak supported, to accept the minutes of the previous regular meeting as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Fund, \$ 347,948.04; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 237,317.29. McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next regular board meeting will be January 11, 2016, at 7:00 pm.

Audience: Bob Fleury thanked the board for allowing the Johannesburg Church to use the township hall for a Christmas Program and dinner on December 20, 2015.

Old Business: Talked about the Gingell Road project and other road work. Keith Huff and Willard Brown talked about the township planning commission's discussion on the proposed safety project on Meridian Line Road in the area of Briley Road. The plan is to cut the hills down and fill in the deep valley north of Briley Road. Keith stated that the road commission and the Charlton Board do not agree on the final costs of the project. Most of the project is being paid for by the Federal Gov't and the county road millage. But, there is approximately \$60,000.00 left to cover. The county road commission wants the township to pay \$54,000.00 of the project and the road commission pay \$6,000.00. Total cost of the safety project will be approximately \$ 435,000.00. The board will try to re-negotiate the townships' share of the project. Talked about road work in general.

New Business: Read a letter from Chuck Titus regards to the speed limit on Sparr Road in the township. Currently, the speed limit is 55 mph which is standard for roads such as this. He wants the road speed limit lowered to 45 mph. Decided to contact the Michigan State Police since the township has no authority or jurisdiction in this matter.

Matt Nowak will attend the MTA Convention this January.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. Budget has been approved. It is stable. Lee notified those present that there are eight (8) persons interested in his open seat on the board of commissioners. Interviews will start on December 29, 2015. The full board may appoint a new commissioner in January.

Fire: Ron says things are quiet. He and Maschke met with insurance classification person.

EMS: Duane says runs are lower at this time.

Planning: Willard says next county meeting will be Monday. One case on the agenda.

Custodial: Duane doing winter maintenance and cleaning at the hall. He is going to get carpets cleaned in January or February.

Assessing: Sally says December B.O.R. will be Tuesday, December 15, 2015, at 7:00 pm.

McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to pay the General Fund bills of \$ 14,894.56 and the Fire/EMS bills of \$ 291.08. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.