

The regular October meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2011.

All board members present. Others present: Bob Fleury, Theron Higgins, John Burt, John and Nikki Pomety, Mike Hoy, Sally Nowak, Lee Olsen.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

McCarthy moved, Samkowiak supported, to accept the minutes of the closed session of October 10, 2011, as printed. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 231,882.33; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.06; Fire/EMS, \$ 287,968.95. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township regular meeting will be November 7, 2011.

Audience: Nothing.

Theron Higgins of the Otsego County Bus System was present at the meeting to talk about questions that arose at the last Charlton meeting. He talked about the policy for picking up people in all areas of the county. He stated that they go down any road (even private) as long as the road is passable. He listed many roads in Charlton Township that they go down daily. Kim asked about a time schedule for busses. He stated that they basically run from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm but that the last pickup is around 4:00 pm. Fares are \$ 2 for seniors, \$ 2.50 for students and \$ 3.00 for the general public. Matt asked about a written policy of the bus system so that we may have it on hand for people needing information.

John Burt notified those present that phase 1 of the Groen property should start soon.

Old Business: Talked about the MVR suspension of a firefighter. There were no specific guidelines from our insurance carrier. Discussed getting a policy written either by the board or the insurance company to address the situation. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to re-instate Brian Dreffs as a member of the fire department. Discussion: Mike Hoy talked about licensing of firefighters and how many points they can get and still drive. Firefighters are covered by insurance when they leave their residence in their own vehicle and while on the scene. After discussion, Ayes 4, Nays 1 (Samkowiak). Motion carried.

Talked about the fire truck purchase. Maschke talked to Chief Koronka and Gary Koronka of Up-North Fire. There seems to be a lack of communication between them. Gary Koronka is upset because he was not involved with bidding on the new vehicle while Ron Koronka is not happy with the status of a tanker truck Gary had built and is in need of repair. Mike Hoy was present and stated that most firefighters are not happy with Up-North Fire and that they did not want Up-North Fire building another truck because of the issues with the last one. Keith thought that we should write a letter to Up-North Fire about the stress cracks on the tank of truck #102.

Matt stated that he thinks it's time to change door locks on the hall and fire barn as there may be many keys out that should not be out.

Hall is being painted. Matt stated that he has a person available to put up new downspouts. Approximately \$ 450.00 for materials, plus labor.

New Business: Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the master plan on Wednesday, October 12, 2011.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. The new Animal Control Building is ahead of schedule and should be finished by December 23, 2011. The 300 Livingston Building has been razed. The county board passed a resolution in memory of Shirley Jenkins and her contribution to Otsego County. Talked about the possibility of a park on the old DNR property in Gaylord and talked about county finances.

EMS: Kim reported on EMS. She stated that Jackie reported that one (1) volunteer is on leave because of an injury at home and that she is down to four (4) volunteers on runs. Jackie wants to

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get equipment back from Pam Kwapis as she has not been active on the department. Jackie would like to get firefighters involved in the EMS program so that more people are available to respond.

Custodial: Matt stated that Duane would like to get top dirt delivered to the cemeteries for repair work.

Assessing: Sally stated that the last case for payback will be coming up soon. Delta Oil.

Set millage rates: Matt moved, Samkowiak supported, to set the allocated millage rate at 0.9542. This is for tax year 2011.

Matt moved, Huff supported, to collect a 1% Tax Administration Fee on all taxes collected in 2011 tax year. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt moved, McCarthy supported, to set the Fire/EMS millage at 1.2 for tax year 2011. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Kim talked about doing six (6) lamp posts around the office building area with holiday banners. They will cost approximately \$ 450.00 each.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$ 16,418.76. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$ 27,403.88. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Maschke moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the Roads Account bills in the amount of \$ 9,600.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Road Account currently has \$ 9,504.06. Kim will close out the account and the balance will be paid from the Road activity in the General Fund.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.