

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

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

All board members present. Others present: Eber Wolf, Nancy Ortwine, Bob Fleury, Duane Switalski, Jackie Klepadlo, Lee Olsen, Sally Nowak, Deputy Tim Hogan, John and Sherry Hughes.

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.

Kim Samkowiak presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 238,536.89; Roads Account, \$ 9,504.06; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 288,467.11. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next Charlton Township regular meeting will be October 10, 2011. Next O.C.T.O.A. meeting will be September 20, 2011, at Bagley Township.

Audience: Nancy Ortwine asked about painting at the hall.

EMS Report: Jackie Klepadlo had to leave early, so she gave a report on EMS. She talked about NIMS (Natural Disaster classes). The township supervisor and one (1) more member of the board should take the classes along with EMS Coordinator and Fire Chief. She reported that Cheryl Borton is off the EMS squad. Talked about covering for football games.

Old Business: Discussed paint color for township hall. Kim gave her ideas about the color. Everyone agreed. Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to paint the town hall 'sea froth'. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt stated that he talked to a company about downspout work. No price yet.

New Business: Kim talked about the new fire truck. She stated that she had received a call from Up North Fire and they were wondering why they were not contacted to bid on a new truck. The board moved to purchase a truck from CSI of Grayling. Fire Chief Ron Koronka recommended the purchase of this truck because it has been difficult to find a used chassis. Ron explained that he had a committee of firemen working on getting a truck purchased and they recommended the 2009 new Kenworth from CSI. This was at the last regular meeting in August. Talked about stress cracks in the tank of #102 and why it has not been repaired and discussed pump testing and wondered why this has not been done. It was decided that Matt and Ivan would meet with Fire Chief Koronka to try to get a solution to these problems.

Matt talked about possibly seal coating the township hall parking lot. He had a small portion done to see how it holds up.

Talked about roof shampoo for the office building. Decided not to do it at this time.

Reports: County Commission. Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He stated that the animal shelter building is coming along ahead of schedule. Number 300 building at the Alpine Center is being demolished. County is working on the fence at the airport. Lee stated that the commissioners adjusted the Veteran's budget so that their van could be repaired which is used for hauling around veterans for various appointments. County is working on low income housing through a grant for the city of Gaylord. Talked about Personal Property Tax income.

Custodial: Duane stated that it was very good to have Cody Proctor work this summer. Got a lot done. He says we will need a new mower for next year. He will work out some figures for budget meeting in the spring.

Deputy Tim Hogan was present at the meeting to field concerns about the County Sheriff's coverage of the township. He stated that the department has the lowest amount of staff ever. They have five (5) deputies patrolling at this time. They used to have 12. There is no county coverage after midnight and only one (1) state police car on the road in three (3) counties. Unemployment has caused more larcenies and property stolen. Talked about speeding in front of the school. He says he will see if he can get the speed limit electronic sign in place to remind motorists to slow down.

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County Road Commission is doing some gravel work in the township.

Kim talked about the Otsego County Bus System. She claims that they will not come to some areas of the township. Lee Olsen will check this out.

Samkowiak moved, Nowak supported, to go into closed session to discuss a personnel question. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Time: 8:34 pm.

Closed session minutes on page 169.

Matt Nowak called the meeting back to order at 9:20 pm.

Nowak moved, Huff supported, to suspend Brian Dreffs from responding to emergency fire calls for thirty (30) days. He may attend meetings. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy talked about recycling. Talked about the \$ 25.00 fee per household for recycling in the county. He stated that five (5) townships are not interested in assessing the fee for recycling. Most want to hold a referendum on the matter. A ballot question of approximately 0.2 mils could be on the August Primary ballot.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the General Fund bills presented in the amount of \$ 29,774.67. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to pay the Fire/EMS bills in the amount of \$ 416.72. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.