

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—September 9, 2013

The regular September meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Clerk Ivan Maschke at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 9, 2013.

Board members present: Samkowiak, Huff, McCarthy and Maschke. Members absent: Nowak. Others present: Bob Fleury, Willard Brown, Duane Switalski, Nikki Poumade, Sally Nowak, Tom Deans, Jerry Beattie, Jerry Reichman, Melissa Marcotte, Ron Koronka.

Maschke designated Huff to chair the meeting.

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

McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 288,356.48; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 302,344.62. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Bob Fleury stated that there were 34 persons at the senior dinner today.

Old Business: Tom Deans of the Otsego County Road Commission was present at the meeting to talk about county roadwork. There has been a question about why north Meridian Line Road was removed from the planning commission five (5) year plan. Tom stated that it is the responsibility of the road commission to place roadwork on a yearly plan and they make the plan contingent upon monies available, necessary priorities and matching funding from local entities. They hold hearings each year in December to decide on the plan. Willard Brown talked about costs for partnerships on Meridian Line Road, Hetherton Road and Gingell Road north of M-32. Most work that qualifies for federal funding need to have 20% local funding either through the road commission or a local entity. Mr. Deans stated that most of the work on these three roads would cost approximately \$ 325,000.00 per mile. It was decided that the township would attend the December road commission meeting and set priorities for roadwork in the future and build up an account out of the general fund for the work.

Keith talked about the township planning commission meeting and the fact that they approved a request for a groomed snowmobile trail into Johannesburg from the south (trail #404) and have requested the township act on their recommendation. The Gaylord Area Snowmobile Trails Council presented leases and proof of insurance for the trail. Jerry Beattie was present at the meeting and gave information regards to the proposed trail. After more discussion, Maschke moved, Huff supported, to approve a request for a snowmobile trail into Johannesburg from the #404 trail including copies of lease agreements and proofs of insurance. Ayes, all. Motion carried. The proposed new trail would have to be approved by the DNR.

New Business: Nothing.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. He stated that the county board will have 30 days to appoint a replacement for Clark Bates who passed away recently. Could be a big gypsy moth outbreak next year and the county is making arrangements for spraying. County budget review is starting.

Fire: Ron says they are working on bids for the apparatus for the new truck. Mike Proctor and Joe Myers are retiring from the department.

McCarthy moved, Maschke supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 22,203.66 and Fire/EMS bills of \$816.03. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.