

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP. BOARD - FEB. 11, 2019

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 11, 2019.

Board members present: Matt Nowak, Kim Samkowiak, Mike McCarthy, Keith Huff Others present: Sally Nowak, Bob and Kerri Hunter, Duane Switalski, George Pewinski, Mike Colosimo, Bob Fleury, Chris Churches, Paul Hartmann, and Christine Boyak-Wolfeil

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

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. General operation \$448,289.18 Fire/EMS \$310556.24 Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Discussion about zoning board of appeals.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to set poverty exemption levels as follows: Property asset level is \$20,000 Income level set to federal guidelines. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Mike Colosimo recommended, on behalf of the zoning commission, that we opt out of the "prohibition of recreational marihuana establishment ordinance".

Nowak moved, Huff supported, that we go forward with the necessary steps to put this opt out ordinance properly in place with the State of Michigan. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, that we recommend approval of the proposed changes to Article 27 of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff moved, McCarthy supported, that we recommend the approval of the proposed changes to Section 21.46 of the Otsego County Zoning Ordinance "wireless communications".
Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Huff would like to see the amount of our annual contribution to the Otsego County Road Commission from our taxes that is applied from the millage for road repairs.

Duane gave a report on county activities. Brought up the need for new jail. There is still overcrowding and injuries. County is talking about options. MTEC wants to expand available

programs, but feel that there is a shortage in housing that prevents people from coming here and taking these available programs. County discussion on recycling programs. Where to go from here. Groen entrance had a bid last year of approximately \$400,000 from Earthworks. Bid has come down to \$315,000. There are some modifications to amount of dirt and trees. County has been hearing complaints from adjacent houses to the "Air B&B's" that have gained popularity. Excessive people and noise are bothering some communities.

Fire: Getting ready for our annual chili cook off fundraiser. Would like to get a quote on upgrading firehall entry doors to accommodate push button keypads.

EMS: Runs for 2016 were 129, 2017 were 120, and 2018 were 139. Door jam on EMS barn is damaged and needs repaired/replaced.

Planning: March meeting has been moved up to February 25, 2019.

Custodial: Extra salt has been purchased due to excessive ice from the rainy weather.

Assessing: Board of review meetings are as follows:

Organizational meeting is March 5, 2019 at 7:00pm

Meetings are March 12, 2019 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm and from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm and on March 14, 2019 from 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$38,410.82 and Fire/EMS bills of \$3060.84 Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm