

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CHARLTON TWP. BOARD—NOV. 12, 2018

The regular November meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 12, 2018.

All board members present. Others present: Sally Nowak, Bob and Kerri Hunter, Duane Switalski, Willard Brown, George Pewinski.

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

Kim presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 379,461.24; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 294,292.03. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to let the snowplowing bid for the winter of 2018-2019 to Ron Koronka Excavating for a per hour price of \$ 43.00 for pickup; \$ 70.00 per hour for dump truck; \$ 70.00 per hour for loader. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

McCarthy asked about a letter the board sent to Otsego County Land Use Services regards to how the Zoning Board of Appeals reaches their decision on specific cases. Willard stated that a copy of the letter was given to all County Planning Commission members. There has been no response to the letter from the Land Use Services.

New Business: Talked about the proposed Public Hearing of November 27, 2018, by the Otsego County Board of Commissioners regards to possibly changing the Otsego County Road Commission from three (3) members to five (5) members by appointing two (2) more people. There was much discussion about how the commissioners plan to have the road commission members placed in the future regards to whether they will be appointed or elected. Part of the problem with a three (3) member board is that a five (5) member board would have more control of finances and that there is approximately an 11.6 million dollar unfunded liability for road commission retirements. Matt will attend the commissioners meeting on Tuesday, November 13, to see what is happening.

Nowak moved, Huff supported, to re-appoint Walt Keskinen to a new three (3) year term on the township planning commission effective January 1, 2019.

Reports: Duane gave a report on county activities. He talked about how much roadwork was completed in the county in 2018 (13.7 miles). Talked about the Groen Property proposed new entrance on Hetherton Road. Discussed the new marijuana law and the county six (6) year plan.

Fire: Bob Hunter gave a report. He stated that the trunk or treat went very well. Talked about the need for a fence over the new water tank at the fire hall. Matt will check this out. Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to hire Justin Koss as a new firefighter pending the MVR. Ayes, all. Motion carried. He will be starting the Firefighter Class November 19, 2018.

EMS: Nothing.

Planning: Willard Brown gave a report. He stated that there are no other items on the county six (6) year plan except Hetherton Road. Talked about a possible turn lane on Hetherton Road for the entrance to the Groen Property. Matt will check with road commission. There are several items on the agenda for a Public Hearing by the county Planning Commission on November 19, 2018.

Assessing: Sally gave date of December 11, 2018, at 7:00 pm for Board of Review.

Custodial: Mike's Electric worked on street lights. Duane getting ready for winter.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 21,895.83 and Fire/EMS bills of \$8,140.69. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.