

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—March 14, 2016

The regular March meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 14, 2016.

All board members present. Others present: Brian Carroll, Eber Wolf, Bob Harkness, Tom Deans, Mike Proctor, Paul Repasky, Willard Brown, Bob and Lori Fleury, Kerri Hunter, Duane Switalski, Ron Koronka, Jackie Haag, George Pewinski.

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 follows: General Operation, \$430,074.31; Fire/EMS Account, \$ 277,862.32. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Nothing.

Fire report moved up to the first item on the agenda. Ron Koronka notified the board that he will not be responding until after he has recovered from a recent heart attack. Talked about the fire grant that is in the works. Bob Dake did not show up for the meeting to give a report on the progress. Ron and George Pewinski stated that they will work on contacting him for the next meeting. George introduced Brian Carroll as a candidate for the department. He has Firefighter I and II plus various other training certificates. Application will be reviewed and a decision is expected at the next regular meeting.

Old Business: Talked about the upcoming budget meeting and Public Hearing.

New Business: Mike Proctor was present at the meeting to request township funds for 4th of July fireworks. The township has donated in past years. Talked about funding for the celebration in general. Keith asked if the celebration will continue for years to come if there are no fund raiser dinner/dances. Kim stated that the committee is working on other means of support for the celebration but has not ruled out the annual dinner/dance. Keith thought that the committee should advertise for donations on the county website.

Tom Deans of the county road commission and Paul Repasky were present at the meeting to talk about the upcoming safety project on Meridian Line Road from Hetherton Road north 0.31 miles. Plans are 90% complete and they are shooting for a July 11, 2016, start. A detour will be in place for approximately 21 days. After discussion, Huff moved, McCarthy supported, to sign a contract with the Dtsego County Road Commission for work on Meridian Line Road for a township cost of \$ 30,000.00 of the \$ 414,000.00 project. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Duane notified the board that Cody Proctor cannot be the part-time maintenance worker this summer. Decided to advertise for a 20 hour per week outdoor maintenance worker for the period May 1, 2016, to August 1, 2016.

Talked about 4th of July Celebration. Kim moved, Huff supported, to authorize fireworks and a parade in the township on July 4, 2016. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Bob Harkness gave a report on county activities. Talked about unsolicited e-mails and the Enbridge pipeline under the straits of Mackinaw. Tennis courts have been approved for the Sportsplex. Household hazardous waste program will be June 11, 2016, at the Road Commission Garage from 9-2. Talked about the northcentral trail which runs through Gaylord.

EMS: Jackie says things going well. Members are training on a new opioid machine. Jackie stated that she would like to see various firefighters and EMS personnel recognized for their efforts in saving the life of fire chief Ron Koronka after a fire recently. There was much discussion. It was decided that we could honor or recognize those involved with the life- saving effort but that we must also recognize other firefighters and EMS people who deserve it for other events not just when it is one of our own people. Jackie also met with a contractor regards to improvements to the EMS building.

Planning: Willard stated that there was no meeting at the county last month. Willard stated that he and Mike Colosimo are on the county Board of Appeals. Huff moved, Samkowiak supported, to authorize \$ 800.00 for a fee for a consultant to review the township master plan and decide whether there should be changes made. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Custodial: Duane stated that the waste station will be closed Easter Sunday. Working on outdoor items. Willard Brown stated that there is a problem with ice building up by a downspout at the hall. Matt will check it out.

Keith Huff stated that he has not found anyone to chip/seal the hall parking lot. Still working on it.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 21,039.01 and Fire/EMS of \$ 1,089.72. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.