

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—August 10, 2015

The regular August meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 10, 2015.

All board members present. Others present: Lee Olsen, Jackie Haag, Duane Switalski, Bob Fleury, Mike Colosimo, Eber Wolf, William Smith, Thomas Quik, Robert Brown, Gaylann Rowe-Brown, Mary Sullivan Rockers, Tim Brennan, Renee Siegan, Jos. Zielinski, Tom Thompson, Jim Wagner, Randy Haley.

Huff move, 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 Account, \$395,062.96; Fire/EMS Account, \$272,947.65. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be September 14, 2015.

Audience: Eber Wolf was present and thanked the board for the tree work at Meridian Line Cemetery.

Old Business: Nothing.

New Business: Discussed an application for a Special Use Permit for a guest house on property on Clear Lake in Charlton Township (PSUP15-004). This is a request of Patricia Sullivan to build a second home on property on the lake. There were twelve (12) persons in the audience interested in this case. Mike Colosimo, Chairman of the Charlton Township Planning Commission, gave the commission's input on this case. The township planning commission voted to recommend approval of the request. Joe Zielinski talked about the impact the new building will have on a small lake. He also represented Carl Alsobrooks, Jeff Pierce, Diane and Cliff McSweeney and Robert Bawden who were not present at the meeting but were against the project. Tom Thompson talked about the fact that all property owners within 300' of the proposed building were not notified as stated in the Otsego County Land Use Services letter. The board thought that the S.U.P. meets the factual requirements according to the Zoning Ordinance. Jim Wagner talked about the condition of the lake and the need to keep more buildings from being built. Randy Haley stated that he is against the project. Gaylann Rowe-Brown and Robert Brown talked about trailers being hooked up to septic systems and made permanent. Tim Brennan was in favor of the project and stated that it would have no additional impact on the area. Patricia Sullivan's daughter talked about the need for the building. Commissioner Olsen gave his input on the proposal. After discussion, Matt Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to take the recommendation of the township planning commission and recommend approval to the Otsego County Land Use Services of PSUP15-004. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to sign an agreement with PIE&G for an extension of the electric franchise we have with them. Franchise to be voted upon by the township electorate in the near future. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Jackie talked about her position as EMS Coordinator. She thinks someone should be designated to do parts of the job that she is unable to do because she is not available and is mostly in Gaylord. Talked about having the Fire Dept. and EMS work under the fire chief and have a person designated to do the EMS portion. Decided to have a meeting with EMS/Fire personnel to discuss the situation.

Samkowiak moved, McCarthy supported, to set the General Operation millage rate at 0.9542 for tax year 2015. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Samkowiak moved, Huff supported, to set the Fire/EMS voted millage rate at 0.6000 for tax year 2015. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Maschke moved, Huff supported, to collect a 1% Tax Administration Fee on taxes received in 2015. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Talked about some necessary fixes for the town hall.

Reports: Lee Olsen gave a report on county activities. Talked about work being done on the Sportsplex and the Community Center. There are two (2) foreclosed properties in Charlton that the county owns and will clean up. Duane talked about the court house lawn project with those present. He thinks the cost is too much.

Fire: Lots of down powerlines from the recent storm. EMS: Nothing.

Planning: Mike Colosimo wondered if the township planning commission needs to have public hearings for S.U.P.s

Custodial: Duane talked about work on cemetery. Talked about some light fixtures needing to be upgraded because bulbs are not available any more. Mike Colosimo will do some electrical work on well caps at the hall and office.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Operation bills of \$ 21,106.32 and Fire/EMS bills of \$29,330.46. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

