

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—March 13, 2017

The regular March meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 13, 2017.

All board members present. Others present: Duane Switalski, Mike Hoy, Willard Brown, Keri Hunter, George Pewinski, Jackie Haag, Bob Fleury, Roger Latuszek, Sarah Holzschu.

Those present recited the pledge to the flag.

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

Kim gave the Treasurer’s report as follows: General Fund, \$ 494,973.67; Fire/EMS \$ 322,942.73. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

The township will hold a budget workshop on March 21, 2017, at 5:00 pm and a Public Hearing on proposed budgets for the township at 8:00 pm same day.

Audience: Nothing.

Old Business: Talked about a contract for proposed roadwork on Meridian Line Road from Hetherton Road north 1.26 miles. There is a question regards to the amount of the township’s share of the project. McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to sign a contract with the Otsego County Road Commission for roadwork on Meridian Line Road. After discussion, McCarthy withdrew his motion and Huff withdrew his support. The original cost for the township was to be \$ 53,000.00 and the new amount is \$ 144,541.00. Matt will check with the road commission to see what is going on.

New Business: Kim says Aflac Insurance rep stopped in. We need to check with firefighters and EMS to see if they want some sort of coverage.

Kim talked about the PTO rental of the township hall when there was sewer problems. Need to reimburse them for the cost of the rental. Nowak moved, McCarthy supported, to reimburse the J/L PTO for hall rental of \$150.00. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports: Duane Switalski gave a report on county activities. Says there is a lot going on. Had a meeting with the VA last week. VA is Gaylord needs to check various items before veteran’s can get benefits. Bank records, income, amount of property owned, etc. Talked about county Planning and Zoning. Townships in the county contribute funds to operate this office. Duane thought that since the county is better off now financially, that they could take over the cost of this operation and spare townships from having to pay for it. He attended meetings with the airport and Health Dept.

Deputy Sarah Holzschu was present at the meeting to ask if there are any concerns from the township. Talked about the school zone and speeding in town.

Fire: Mike Hoy and George Pewinski gave a report on the fire department. Talked about risk management for the Cadet Program. The fire department purchased a used 10,000 gal tank to replace the old tank buried near the fire department. There will be some costs for revamping the tank. Tank cost \$ 450.00. Talked about the price of a new pump for the tank. George says it is costly. Checking on other prices and specs. For the pump. There was much discussion regards to a grant the department has been working on for over a year. Matt will check out the proper filing and get with the fire department to get this going. Mike McCarthy says there are specific questions that need to be addressed to properly fill out the grant.

EMS: Jackie gave a short report. She also stated that she is resigning as EMS Coordinator effective April 1, 2017. She has a lot going on with her children and her career. Huff moved, Nowak supported, to accept the resignation of Jackie Haag as Coordinator of the EMS effective 4/1/2017 with regrets. Ayes, all. Motion carried. Jackie thought that the fire department should oversee the EMS operation since most of the EMS people are also firefighters.

Planning: Willard says the Master Plan Draft has been distributed to nearby entities and that there will be a Public Hearing for it on May 3, 2017, at the regular township planning commission meeting.

Custodial: Duane says he and Mike Colosimo are working on installing some new lights at the hall. Jack Lochinski will not work for the township this coming summer.

Assessing: Matt says BOR will be Tuesday, March 14, 2017, from 2-5 pm and 6-9 pm and on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 9-12 pm and 1-4 pm.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 17,060.42 and Fire/EMS of \$ 2,977.75. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.