

Minutes of Regular meeting of Charlton Twp. Board—October 10, 2016

The regular October meeting of the Charlton Township Board was called to order by Chairman Matt Nowak at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 10, 2016.

All board members present. Others present: Kevin Hesselink, Bob Fleury, Willard Brown, Sally Nowak, Bob and Kerri Hunter, Maureen Derenzey, Bob Harkness, Duane Switalski, Jackie Haag.

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

Kim presented the Treasurer's report as follows: General Operation, \$ 424,972.16; Fire/EMS \$ 283,065.69.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Nowak moved, Huff supported, to change the date of the next regular meeting to November 7, 2016. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Audience: Kevin Hesselink was present at the meeting to give his qualifications for 46th Circuit Judge. Janet Allen is retiring and he is on the ballot to replace her. He is running against Colin Hunter of Grayling. Kevin has been prosecutor for two (2) terms and has been practicing law for 12 years.

Maureen Derenzey was present to give a talk about the upcoming County Library millage. Requesting 0.375 for six (6) years for building remodeling and expansion. Taxpayer costs will bring in 2.19 million dollars.

Old Business: Talked about the fire chief position as Ron Koronka has retired as chief effective 10/1/16. There are two (2) candidates for the position (Bob Hunter and Geo. Pewinski). Matt will check with MTA to see if the whole board can interview or a committee. Nowak moved, Maschke supported, to appoint Bob Hunter interim chief. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Matt gave a report on a forestry meeting he attended. Residents of the Big Creek Road area have complained about the amount of clearcutting that has been done. There will be a meeting at the Charlton Hall regards to cutting with Tristin Cole attending. Meeting will be October 24, 2016, at 6:00 pm.

Talked about Meridian Line Road project. Willard Brown asked about a 'hump' between Hetherton Rd and Briley Rd. He thought that it should be lowered before any asphalt is laid. Matt will check with the road commission regards to the need to rework the area. Currently, the road needs to settle before any asphalt can be laid.

Matt will be sending in a payment for the application for a street light at M-32 and Gingell Rds. Discussion regards to whether more roads will require streetlights.

Reports: County Commission. Bob Harkness gave a brief report on county activities. The county has dropped a request to purchase part of the old Georgia Pacific property because of a contamination threat. The State Police Angel program has begun on a trial basis. Discussed the Groen property. Keith asked Bob to contact the road commission regards to the Meridian Line problem.

Fire: Bob Hunter was present and presented a copy of a final draft for the Cadet Program. He also stated that they have a new applicant for the department. Will discuss applicant at the November meeting.

EMS: Jackie stated that she has two (2) persons interested in the EMS department. Will get applications.

Planning: Willard says they are moving along with the Master Plan update. There will be a meeting for the public on November 2, 2016, and December 7, 2016, regards to input for the Master Plan. These dates are regular meeting dates for the planning commission.

Custodial: Duane says busy with yardwork and has had a lot of rentals at the hall.

Assessing: Sally says Board of Review will be December 13, 2016.

Kim talked about a facebook page for the township.

Will receive snowplowing bids at the November meeting.

Talked about free smoke detectors for veterans and maybe other senior citizens. Bob Hunter stated that if the board got some names, he would check out the possibility of getting smoke detectors for free or a reduced price.

McCarthy moved, Huff supported, to pay General Fund bills of \$ 29,744.18 and Fire/EMS bills of \$ 6,097.21. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.