

**Charter Township of Gun Plain  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
April 2, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:00 pm the following board members were present Kopka, Morrison, Vandenberg, Meert, Corbin and Moerman. Absent Pearson.

Also present was approximately 15 guests.

The pledge was recited.

**Minutes**

Vandenberg motioned to accept the minutes with one correction on page three items #3 Joint Recreation Contract. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of the agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the April 2, 2009 agenda with one addition under 7 Public Hearing of Planning Commission ordinances. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of the checks written for the month of March 2009 and a copy of the enterprise fund report. Kopka motioned to accept the clerks report, Moerman seconded. Vandenberg motioned to approve the enterprise fund report, Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking balance was \$ 1,248,848.14 on March 31, 2009, the CD balance was \$36883.54 for the general account and \$3601.00 in the Cemetery fund, the Raymond James Investment balance was \$228,300.16. Kopka motioned to accept the repost as presented, Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the public**

Monty Wilson announced that he was seeking a four year term on the school board.

Amy Blades announced that she was seeking a one year term on the school board.

Kevin Blue announced that he is seeking a four year term on the school board.

**Public Hearing for Budget 2009-2010 7:30 pm.**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing. Corbin seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Vandenberg motioned to close the public and return to the regular meeting. Corbin seconded. Motion carried. Kopka motioned to approve the 2009-2010 budgets. Vandenberg seconded. Moerman yes, Kopka yes, Morrison yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Corbin yes, motion carried.

### **New Business**

1. Pat Davis agreed that she with the help of the Chula Vista Garden Club would maintain the flower beds and flag garden this summer in return the township would grant the club the right to use the township meeting hall.
2. Safe Harbor/Lori Antkoviak was present to discuss the prevention of child abuse and ask support from the Gun Plain Township board by adopting the proclamation. Vandenberg motioned to accept the proclamation. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.
3. Budget Amendments Vandenberg motion to approve the amendments to the budget as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried. See attached document.

Budget appropriation Resolution 2009-2 Vandenberg motioned to adopt Resolution 2009-2 with amendments. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

4. Water Meter (Robert Spagnoli) Doster Road. Vandenberg reported that he sent a letter to Mr. Spagnoli informing him that he would have to put a new meter in his house instead of the meter pit that he is currently using in his front yard. The letter also noted that if he didn't conform his water would be shut off.
5. Appointment of election worker for the May 5, 2009 Election.

Meert asked the board to appoint Jan Meijer, Melissa Russell, Chantal Hemestra, Kathy Morrison, Angie Gardner, Richard Morrison and Marilyn Meert. Vandenberg motioned to approve the workers. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

6. Amendments to zoning ordinance/ new enabling act  
Vandenberg motioned with the recommendation of the planning commission board to approve the changes set forth. Moerman seconded. Morrison yes, Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Moerman yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **Construction Board**

Vandenberg updated the board on the progress of setting up the new appeals board. Vandenberg will keep the board updated on the progress.

## **2. Police Grant**

The board listen to a presentation from the Allegan County Sheriffs department regarding the police grant that they applied for, the grant would allow the township to add another deputy for three years without any cost to the township, then the fourth year it would cost the township approximately \$90,000.00 the board asked many questions and decided to hold a special meeting on Thursday April 9, 2009 to discuss this matter in more detail, we requested a more definitive break down on cost with and without a car, cost to share and not to share with neighboring townships. More information will be discussed at the April 9, 2009 meeting.

### **Public Hearing set for May 7, 2009 at 7:30 pm. For the purpose of creating a Planning Commission**

Vandenberg motioned to set May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. for a public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

## **Monthly Report**

### **Fire Department**

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to 15 calls in March 2009.

### **Police**

Deputy Robert submitted a written report.

### **Zoning**

Menzie submitted a written report.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

## **Board Member Comments**

Corbin stated that he provided siren maps for supervisor, he also provided flyers.

Kopka noted that he attended the Public comment meeting at the Plainwell Paper Mill.

Vandenberg informed the board that he would be out of town on vacation the third week in April.

Vandenberg informed the board that the grave stone dedication will be June 13, 2009 at 3:00 pm. Also that he has applied for a grant to train people in medical first responder.

## **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 9:32 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.