

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 6, 2009

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 18 guests were present.

Agenda

Meert motioned to accept the agenda for August 6, 2009. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes for July 2, 2009 and July 16, 2009 as written. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a copy of the enterprise funds, payroll and a list of checks written for the month of July 2009. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison presented the board with the account balances for the month of July 2009. Corbin motioned to accept the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

The floor was open for public comments.

New Business

John Try spoke to the board about a flooding problem on 11th Street north of 106th Ave. Try asked if we could look into placing a new larger covert in the road to cut down on the flooding problems near his home and other homes in the area. The board informed him that they would contact Mr. Nelson from Allegan County Road Commission and have him look at this problem. Vandenberg informed Mr. Try that the money is very tight for the Road Commission due to all the major flooding in the Holland area. Vandenberg stated that he doubts that this will be replaced this year, however he will call him to let him know what Mr. Nelson thinks can be done, if anything.

Lake Doster Condominiums parcel 0308-036-008-00

The Planning Commission board made the recommendation to the township board for approval. Kopka moved to approve parcel 0308-036-008-00 for Lake Doster Condominiums. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Water Rate Increase

Corbin motioned to raise all resident that are supplied by the city water usage by twenty cents per thousand and the residents supplied by Gun Plain Township 10 cents per thousand. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. Corbin stated that we may have to feather this 10 cent raise in a year up to twenty cents for the residents supplied by the township water system.

Truth and Taxation Public Hearing at 7:30 pm

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing at 7:30 pm. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. The floor was open for questions and comments. Tom Janes Miller road stated that he thought we should leave the roll back in place. Pearson explained that we have not increased the 1.5431 millage rate in twenty years. Vandenberg stated that the only increase was the voted road millage for three years from 2006-2009 this millage will drop after this December tax collection and we have very little money to do road work that is very much needed. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and open the resume the regular meeting. Morrison seconded. Motion carried. Pearson motioned to approve the headley roll back increase of .045%. Moerman seconded. Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Kopka yes and Corbin yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fire Department Meeting Room

The board discussed the two proposals submitted by the committee. The board listened to public comments. Kopka motioned to continue the use the fire department meeting room for the purpose of meetings on a six month trial period, with the following three changes, 1. Must be a resident of Gun Plain Township, 2. No political meetings 3. No Charge. Morrison seconded. Motion carried. Meert nay.

Planning Commission Appointment

The board has received five applications for the position. This subject was tabled until September 2, 2009.

Comments Township Board Members

Corbin spoke on the bike trail subject.

Vandenberg spoke to the board on the Pine Meadow water line issue and informed the board that he will be contacting Ritchie to set up a special meeting for sometimes in September 2009.

Vandenberg also informed the board that he is looking into the water agreement with the City of Plainwell.

Vandenberg informed the board that he has been in contact with Ben Williams Allegan County recycling director, regarding a possible pick up for computers and monitors; he will update us at the September meeting.

Kopka stated that he attended the joint sewer meeting and stated that it was a very productive meeting.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones updated the board on Allegan County activities.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to five calls for the month of July 2009.

Deputy Roberts submitted a written report.

Menzie submitted a written report for ordinance enforcing.

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 9:06 pm. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.