

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 1, 2010

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 16 guests were present.

Minutes

Morrison motioned to accept the minutes as written. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

The following items were added to the agenda item 11. Fire Department/Corbin. 12. Safe Harbor 13. Copier Lease. 14 Budget Amendments. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a detailed list of checks written for the month of March 2010, a copy of the enterprise funds and a list of budget amendments. The Budget amendments will be visited under item 14. Vandenberg motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$995,958.88, the 5/3rd CD balance was \$40918.24, and the Raymond James Investment balance was \$230,284.95. Meert motioned to accept the treasurer as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public - None

New Business

Ransom Library

Alan Asselmier and Katie Bell Moore were present to update the board and public pertaining to public interest and activities in Ransom District Library. They provided graphs to show the large increased use in all areas.

Census

The Census Bureau contacted Vandenberg regarding use of the township hall on April 27 thru April 30, 2010 and May 4, 2010 thru May 7, 2010. Meert stated that we would be hosting elections on May 4, 2010 and the hall may not be ready on May 5, 2010, depending on how late they workers get done on May 4, the board agreed to allow the census workers to use the meeting room at the fire department for the May dates.

Resolution #2010-6 (Automatic Aid Agreement)

Vandenberg motioned to allow fire chief Tom Meert to sign the actual document with one amendment, Corbin added the Airport in the agreement. Corbin seconded Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Morrison yes, Vandenberg yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Tom Rook (Horizon) Contract

Vandenberg motioned to accept the new contact with a 2% increase for one year. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 143 (Wind and Solar Energy System)

Corbin motioned to accept ordinance 143 as presented and recommended by the planning commission board. Moerman seconded. Moerman yes, Pearson yes, Corbin yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg no, Kopka no and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Bid to Remove Duct Work

The meeting hall room ceiling is starting to leak again, Vandenberg reported that the leak is not caused by the roofing but is caused by condensation near the venting. Vandenberg received a

bid of \$1050.00 to repair the fan and seal the area. Meert motioned to accept the bid from AM Construction, Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Office Policy

Vandenberg presented the board members with a copy of the existing office with some changes to the policy, Vandenberg asked the board members to review the policy. The board set a special meeting for Tuesday April 20, 2010 at 7:00 to discuss, review or comment on the amended office policy.

Outdoor Furnaces

The board would like the planning commission board to act on this project and make recommendations to the township board as a zoning ordinance.

Appointment of Election Workers for the May 4, 2010 Election

Meert motioned to appoint Jan Meijer, Julie Shannon, Missy Russell, Marilyn Meert and three alternates are Pam Brown, Chantell Hemeistra and Chris Vandenberg. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions

Supervisor

Vandenberg stated that he did not take the benefits for last year saving the township \$20,000.00 and would not be taking them again this year saving the township another \$20,000.00. Kopka stated that he felt the supervisor should have the raise, but we should put freezes on all other raises. Meert stated that in the past we paid a superintendent \$40,000.00 a year to work 32 hours a week plus the supervisor was paid up to \$11,000.00 a year, the supervisor was not required to have office hours because we had a full time superintendent, which made perfect sense. Meert motioned to approve \$37,000.00 for the supervisor position. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes and Vandenberg yes, Morrison no, Pearson no and Corbin no. motion carried.

Clerk

Morrison motioned to accept the resolution. Moerman seconded. Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Corbin no, Meert no and Kopka no. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Kopka motioned to amend the resolution to \$34,000.00 from \$36,000.00. Vandenberg seconded. Corbin no, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Fire Department presentation from Trustee Corbin

Trustee Corbin presented to Bud Warnement on behalf of the Gun Plain Township firemen that participated in the Palisades Nuclear Power drill. Corbin

Safe Harbor

Corbin motioned to accept the proclamation for the Child Abuse Prevention Month, to prevent child abuse. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Copier Lease

Kopka approved Vandenberg to go ahead with a five year lease up to \$300.00 a month.

Budget Amendments

Meert presented the board with a list of budget item amendments for 2009/2010. Vandenberg motioned to approve the amendments. Morrison seconded. Meert yes, Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes and Pearson yes.

Old Business

None

Monthly Reports

Warnement gave a fire report for the month of March 2010.

Menzie presented the board with a written report.

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

Comments Board Members

Vandenberg stated that Morrison and he went to Otsego to review the BSA web site they are using that allows the public to retrieve information such as taxes and water and sewer billing.

Option A would allow the search without expense to the township to use this tool. Vandenberg motioned to accept option A. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg reported that he will be at supervisor classes on April 14, April 15, and April 16, 2010.

Vandenberg has been working with M-Dot regarding a possible bike path that would run along M-89 to 6th St. they are currently looking into grants, Vandenberg will report back to the board.

Vandenberg stated the gravel will be approximately \$10,000.00 to \$11,000.00 a mile.

Vandenberg attended the quarterly ambulance meeting and report that currently everything is working well.

Vandenberg reported that the City of Plainwell has contacted Gun Plain Township regarding public safety; the city would like to know if the township would be interested in forming a fire authority together. Vandenberg will report back to the board when he has more information.

Corbin stated that the B93 bash will be held at the Martin Speedway this June 18 and 19 2010, and they will be restrictions on parking on township roads during this time. Corbin will get a map to the supervisor and clerk.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.