

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 3, 2013

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

The pledge was recited.

Also present was approximately 10 guests.

Minutes

Horton motioned to accept the minutes as written for September 5, 2013 and September 18, 2013. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval

Vandenberg motioned to add three items under new business #5 Lights, #6 Joyce Moerman and #7 PA 116 Boersen. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of September 2013 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the General fund balance was \$969,495.00 the 5/3 CD balance was \$ 37,757.00 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$ 236,240.00. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg motioned to allow Horton to roll over the CD at 5/3rd for one year. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Mary Whiteford announced her candidacy for State Representative in 2014.

New Business

Jan Goswick 911

Goswick updated the board on the current 911 charges on all phone bills and how the funding is used, and stated that they may also be asking for an increase at the next upcoming election.

Rob Sarro spoke to the board and public on 911 cost break down.

Budget Dates

The board set November 5, 2013 and November 12, 2013 at 4:30 pm for budget workshops.

Sewer Bond Series 1999C

Vandenberg updated the board on the information regarding renewing the current bond at a lower interest rate. Currently there is not a lot of interest in our bond because the amount that we owe is so low. The board is still looking into other ways to pay this bond down sooner. Vandenberg and Meert will report back to the board when they have more updated information.

Fund Transfers

Vandenberg motioned to move funds from 2012/2013 to set up their own cash accounts for the following, generator fund \$3500.00, police cruiser fund \$5000.00, back hoe fund \$5000.00 and bike path fund \$5000.00. Kopka seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Lights

Vandenberg reported that Webster Electric recently replaced some of the can lights outside the township hall that were not working with LED, Vandenberg stated that a grant is available to replace all outside lighting. Vandenberg will bring the board the information needed to make a decision if the board is interested in perusing this grant.

Joyce Moerman

Moerman submitted the board with a letter of resignation for October 3, 2013. Vandenberg motioned to accept Moerman's resignation as of October 3, 2013. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

The board will have a 45 day period to fill the vacancy, the seat will be up for a vote in the next scheduled Primary/General election.

The board asked Meert to place an ad in the Allegan County News and the Shoppers Guide.

Boersen PA 116

Boersen submitted two applications for PA 116, Vandenberg reported that the board could not act on either of the applications because there was some missing information that was needed before the board could act. Vandenberg will contact them to get all the correct information for the November 7, 2013 meeting.

Vandenberg motioned to table the two applications until the November 7, 2013 meeting until we receive clarification on the two property applications. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Police Contract with County

The board feels that we need a meeting regarding our current contract. Vandenberg stated that it could be January 2014 before we could have a meeting on this issue, the board is okay with a January/February meeting.

Monthly Reports

A written fire report was presented. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. No reports were submitted for Zoning, Water/Sewer or Police. Motion carried.

Comments Board Members

Vandenberg updated the board on his recent meeting regarding Meth problems in Allegan County.

Open to the Public

Allegan County Commissioner Black updated the board and public on Allegan County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:42 PM. H9orton seconded. motion