

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 1, 2016

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7 PM. The following board members were present Meert, Vandenberg, Horton, Kopka, Morehouse, Shannon, and Pearson.

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to accept the minutes as written for August 4, 2016. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following changes under new business item #2 electronics recycling, item#3 shutoff policy for water sewer and item #4 2009 police cruiser. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of August 2016. Shannon motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report

Horton reported that because today is September 1 the bank statements were not available therefore there was no treasures report. Horton presented the board with a copy of the credit card statement. Shannon motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Geresy reported, the Plainwell Community Center sales agreement has not been completed yet.

New business

Property cleanup

5th Street/Foote property

Vandenberg explained to the board that the court has authorized Gun Plain Township to use Professional Code Inspector to go in and contract someone to clean up this property and place the cost on their tax bill, Vandenberg wanted some direction from the board on a maximum cost that they feel comfortable spending to clean this property up.

Recycling Drop-off for Electronics

Pearson motioned to approve to participate in the electronic recycling program which will be held at the city of Otsego on October 22, 2016. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016-10 Gun Plain Charter Township Utility Termination of Service Policy

Vandenberg explained to the board that in June 2014 a policy was written and approved for termination of utilities water and sewer. That policy allowed Gun Plain Township to send a shutoff notice to any customers when the customer was 45 days past due on services. The customer then had seven days to pay the bill in full from the date of the notice or the service would be shut off. Vandenberg explained that after visiting the current policy he felt the board needed to make some amendments. Vandenberg drafted a new policy that will read if a customer is 90 days or \$200.00 past due a shutoff notice will be sent to a customer and they will be given seven days from the date of the notice to pay in full. Pearson motioned to approve the new policy. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Kopka yes, Shannon yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Police Cruiser 2009

The board agreed that an ad accepting close bids until September 30, 2016 should be placed in the Shopper Guide.

Old Business

Vandenberg stated that resident on 108th have called the office and are happy with the new gravel along this stretch of road.(Vandenberg explained to the board that the Trap rock was not used in this area, however the Allegan County Road Commission used it in another area to test the wear to see how it holds up compared to the original gravel used.)

Warning Sirens

Vandenberg reported that the new siren is still not completed at the Lake Doster Area, the old siren is still in place and is working, but it is the intent of the board to get the new siren in as soon as possible.

Fire Department

Capt. Chris Currier and Chief Tom Meert were present to discuss a new grass buggy style firetruck. Currier stated that they received it estimated bid for approximately \$100,000 from Spencer. They have requested permission from the board to look at other vendors, they stated that they felt that they could purchase a new truck and build it for approximately \$50,000. Pearson motioned to allow them to spend up to \$50,000 to replace the grass buggy. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

FEMA Flood Maps

Vandenberg updated the board on this FEMA flood map process.

Monthly Reports

Water and Sewer written report was presented. Vandenberg motioned to approve the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Board Members

Horton reminded that board of the October 6, 2016 audit meeting at 6:00 pm.

Morehouse stated the wall on 110th and 10th street was vandalized and looks bad, ask Vandenberg to see if Allegan County Road Commission could do something.

Pearson reported that the Plainwell Helping Hands did a play with the kids in the Trailer Park at the Community Center, she said it was a nice turn out of over 100 people.

Kopka thanked the firemen for their work and research on the truck and thanked Vandenberg for the FEMA work.

Vandenberg reported that Alamo Township donated \$2500.00 toward the baseline road project and the board wanted to thank them for their contribution.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Black submitted a written report from the Allegan County board of Commissioners and updated the board and public.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.