

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 4, 2017

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

Also present was approximately 12 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motion to approve the minutes as written for April 6 and April 27, 2017. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following additions under new business #5 appointment of board members to the planning commission and zoning Board of appeals #6 tablet for record-keeping, #7 Force Soccer, #8 petition for high-speed Internet, #9 Chef Container, #10 ordinance 164 set Public Hearing, #11 insurance policy. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of April 2017. Kopka motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was 1,548,607.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$238,789.00 Meert motioned to accept the reports as presented. Vandenberg second. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/none

Lynea Hartig (108th Ave Road)

Hartig expressed her concerns with the Hills and the narrowness of the road on 108th Avenue, question was is it a priority of the boards to invest money into addressing some of these concerns.

Robert Cowels 1395 108th Ave. stated that there are a lot of women walking in the area pushing strollers that he feels in danger on the east end of 108th Ave.

Mr. Keith 1166 108th Ave. is concerned with the condition of the hill on the road especially when it is slippery out, he stated that sometimes you run the risk of running into 11th Street into oncoming traffic.

Gail Asherman 1188 108th Ave. stated that putting more gravel on the road isn't the answer to the problem.

Public Hearing Ordinance #163

This ordinance will allow the Township to meter commercial customers for water/sewer

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. No public comments. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to regular session. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. Kopka moved to adopt ordinance 163. Shannon seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes. Absent Morehouse.

Rezoning Request (175 M-89)

The owner of Parcel 0308-036-013-00 has requested to be rezoned from C1 to C2, this would allow him to put in mini storage's units. It is the Planning Commission Board's recommendation to allow this rezone. Vandenberg motioned to approve the rezone of parcel 0308-036-013-00. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Shannon yes and Horton yes. Motion carried. Absent Morehouse.

Budget Amendments

Meert and Horton presented the board with the budget amendments for 2016-2017. Shannon motion to approve the budget amendments as presented. Vandenberg seconded. Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes. Absent Morehouse.

Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals appointments

Kopka motion to appoint Lynn Lee to fill Tom Vogeler remaining term ending in 2-2020 and Diane Webber to the Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Jack Kellogg's term ending in 2018. Vandenberg seconded. Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Absent Morehouse.

Tablet Purchase

Shannon motioned to purchase a tablet. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Force Soccer

Force Soccer have requested to place a building to hold their supplies. Kopka motioned to approve their request. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

High Speed Internet Petition

Vandenberg reported to the board that a petition was submitted to the office from residents in the 4th and 5th Street neighborhood area. The petition stated that although the neighborhood is somewhat rural, that they are within five minutes of the city of Plainwell and would like to find ways to increase their internet productivity. Vandenberg explained to the person submitting the petition at the Township has been working on this matter for many years and will keep them updated on the progress from the broad band meetings.

Chef Container

Vandenberg motioned to table this subject until the June 1, 2017 meeting. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Introduced and Set Public Hearing for ordinance 164 (cross-contamination amendment to chapter 22)

Vandenberg motioned to set June 1, 2017 for public hearing for ordinance 164. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Insurance policy

Vandenberg reported that there will be an increase to our insurance policy due to the fire trucks true cash value if we had a loss, after reviewing a policy the insurance company determined that they were underinsured.

Monthly reports

Deputy Bronson gave a report on the activity the Allegan County Sheriff Department. He also stated that everything went well on the 7th Street cleanup.

Water sewer report City of Plainwell.

Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Don Black updated the board and public on activities for the month.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Horton seconded. Motion carried.