

Gun Plain Charter Township

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 6, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 6 guests were present.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes as written for January 2, 2020. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Morehouse motion to approve the agenda with the following changes #6 resolution 2020-3 changing board of review dates, #7 repairs lift station at Silver Creek and #8 year and review. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for January 2020. Vandenberg motion to approve the report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton presented the board with a list of the enterprise funds and Raymond James. Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,959,277 and the Raymond James balance was \$242,024. Shannon motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Laura Smith was present and reported that the next meeting will be held February 27 at the Allegan Township Hall. Resident at address 292 4th St. spoke about his right to have chickens. He stated that he received a citation because he is not zoned for chickens and asked if the board could waive the \$425 for the rezone requests. The board cannot waive the fees.

New business

Resident at 130 S. Lake Doster Dr. was present voicing concerns over issues in the Cemetery such as bad roads. Old headstones that are tipped. Need for fencing. He asked board if there was a way to generate the funds to make these repairs. The board did agree that the roads mainly at the entrance into the Cemetery are in need of repair and the board will look into ways to correct this problem in the spring.

Recycling-letter of intent, ballot language, inter-local agreement

Vandenberg inform the board that the five years is coming due for the \$36 voted recycling fee and under the new contract in order to cover costs the rate will be \$50 per household, this question would

be placed on the August 4, 2020 ballot. Vandenberg stated that the County would like a letter of intent. Shannon motion to support the letter of intent allowing supervisor Vandenberg to sign and accept after reviewing the sample ballot language. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Motion **carried**.

Roads: 2nd Street \$25,000, dust control, mowing, future road projects

Vandenberg motion to approve the additional \$25,000 to pave shoulders on 2nd Street. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Motion **carried**.

Meert motion to approve SWB bid of \$12,180 for the 2020 dust control applications. Horton seconded. Motion **carried**.

Road mowing Vandenberg reported that the County will pay for two leaving the Township to pay for the third mowing. Kopka motioned to approve the mowing contract and agreed to pay for the third mowing. Morehouse seconded. Motion **carried**.

Appointment of election workers

Morehouse motion to approve the list of election workers Dana Albertson, Denise Nichols, Nicole Yaw, Shelly Reardon, Amy Hamilton, Kathy Steele, Gail Chappell, to name Pearson, Julie Shannon, Annette Horton Danene Shumaker, Liz Jones. Alternates if needed Kevin Calhoun, Julie Pylat, Denise Visser and Jessica West. Pearson seconded. Motion **carried**.

Salary resolutions 2020/2021

Vandenberg presented the board with the salary resolutions for supervisor, clerk, trustees and Treasurer. (All salary resolution can be seen at the Township is Clerks Office) Morehouse motion to approve each salary resolution as presented. Shannon seconded. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes and Shannon yes. Motion **carried**.

Silver Creek Pump

Vandenberg reported that a new pump will cost approximately \$20,000 or we can rebuild that the pump for \$6000. Kopka motioned to approve perceptive to rebuild the pump for approximately \$6000. Shannon seconded. Motion **carried**.

Year End Review

Vandenberg presented the board and public with a list of projects completed for the 2019/2020 year end.

Monthly Report

Police, Fire, Water/Sewer were presented. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion **carried**.

Open to the Public

Resident at 130 South Lake Doster mentioned that Lake Doster will be dredging this summer and questions if spreading the sediment from the lake under the power lines is acceptable.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:22 PM. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Du Berg