Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 6, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 3 guest were present.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes for July 2, 2020. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with one addition under new business #3 sign for 7th Street. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2020 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Morehouse motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$2,518,499 and the Raymond James balance was \$243,694. Kopka motion to approve the report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to public

Rob Sarro questioned if the rezone requests was in line with a criteria with the future land used.

New business

Public hearing for truth and taxation

Vandenberg motion to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing for the purpose of hearing the truth and taxation. Pearson seconded. There were no comments from the public. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and return to our regular monthly meeting. Pearson seconded. Vandenberg explained that the millage rate would be 4.5431. With the exception of the 2 mills approved for roads the rate of 2.5431 has remained the same since 1991. Morehouse motioned to approve the millage rate of 4.5431. Kopka seconded. Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Absent Shannon. Motion carried.

First read for ordinance 173 to rezone 1150 10th St.

The board will take action on ordinance 173 at the September 3 meeting.

Speeds signs for 7th Street

Kopka motion to give Vandenberg the approval to spend \$500.00 to purchase two speed signs. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

Covid 19

Vandenberg stated that this time there were no new updates to report.

Water Doster

Vandenberg requested Rico to attend the Lake Doster Association meeting to talk about water issues and provide the board with updates on any issues pertaining to water problems in the Lake Doster area. Vandenberg also reported that new guidelines are coming down from the state of Michigan regarding the Phas sampling that would need to be done in February 2021.

Monthly reports

Water/Sewer written reports were submitted, Planning Commission minutes and a written report was submitted from deputy Bronson. Vandenberg motion to approve the minutes as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township board members

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Horton reported that the audit will start next week, Kopka thanked Meert for the election, Meert and Horton for helping with the accounts payables during this very last couple months. Vandenberg reported that Denny Schultz contacted him and he is running way behind pertaining to the demo on 444 3rd St., Mr. Schultz also explained to her Vandenberg that he would be backing out of the job because he does not want to be a part of putting someone in a homeless situation. Vandenberg has contacted professional code inspectors to visit to the address to see is friends and family are helping to clean the home up and do repairs in order to keep the house from being deemed in habitable and professional code inspectors reported that friends and family have been helping to clean the resident up in an attempt to help the gentleman stay in his home. They will continue to do checks to see if they are complying.

Open to the public

Vandenberg mentioned that Commissioner Cain could not attend our meeting due to an emergency.

Adjournment

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 7:42 PM Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.