

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 5, 2023

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes as written for September 7, 2023 and September 25, 2023. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Approve the agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments 4. Flag presentation to Meert family. 5. November 7, 2023 Election. 6. Solar panels. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for September 2023. Shannon motioned to accept the report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$3,559,556 and the Raymond James fund balance was \$245,256. Shannon motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

New business

Presentation of Memorial flag to the Meert family.

Tim Culvers from Matt Hall's office was present to present a flag to the Meert family in honor of Ryan Meert that was tragically killed in a farming accident.

Class Action Settlement PFAS

Vandenberg update the board on new rules and regulations coming out for the PFAS. The board agreed to allow Vandenberg to fill out necessary paperwork to comply with this project.

Lift station 12 Hestia Dr.

Gustafson stated that she would rather see us keep and repair the old pump because they were built much sturdier and durable years ago compared to now. Morehouse agreed with Gustafson and motioned to approve the rebuild in the amount \$8200. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Engine Brake Ordinance

No action was taken on the subject.

Michigan Gas Franchise

No action taken on this subject.

November 7, 2023 Election/Martin

Vandenberg, Pearson and Meert will host the November 7, 2023 Election. Vandenberg motioned to amend the 2023/2024 budget to increase the election line an additional \$15000.00. Meert seconded. Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Gustafson yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Solar Panels

Kelly Black would like the board to rescind our solar ordinance on residential areas. Vandenberg explained that the Planning Commission Board is looking into addressing this matter.

Old business

Water at Doster

Morehouse motion to allow Rico to spend \$4500 to replace a part on water tower. Gustafson seconded. Motion carried.

Moving County offices out to Dumont

County Commissioner Gale Dugan reaffirmed that they are moving forward with the plan to move the County office to Dumont.

Sewer system update

Vandenberg reported that we are still waiting to hear back from engineer firm.

Spongy Moth

The board will discuss this matter during the budget meetings.

Monthly reports

Pearson motioned to approve the reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. Planning commission minutes and legal aid minutes.

Comments Township board members

Meert thanked the board members and office personnel for their help during her absence after the loss of her son.

Vandenberg reported that the Doster area will lose power this Saturday while consumer powers repairs and replaces some much-needed lines. He's suggesting people use their water sparingly during these hours if possible.

Open to the public

Ben 855 106th Ave spoke and Bill Geresy spoke,

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting to go into closed session under MCL 15.267 to consider buying property. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the close session and returned to the regular monthly meeting. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Meert motioned to adjourn. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Michael VanDer Berg