Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 6, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 23 guests attended.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to accept the minutes as written for May 2024. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended, adding #8 burn permit. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for the month of May 2024. Morehouse motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Pearson motioned to approve as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Dugan updated the board and public on County activities. Residents from Lake Doster spoke about the mute swan killing.

New business

Appoint Planning Commission, Library Board and Construction Board of Appeals

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Lee Klade and Kelly Burt to the Library Board for four-year terms. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Gustafson yes. Absent Horton and Shannon. Motion carried. Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Diane Weber and Wayne Novick to the Planning Commission Board for three year terms, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Meert no and Gustafson no. absent Shannon and Horton. Motion carried. Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Steve Henderson, Ryan Lapham, John Artz, Danny Sturman and Ken Post to the construction board of appeals for two-year terms. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Gustafson yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Shannon and Horton. Motion carried.

Change the August board meeting date

Gustafson motion to move the August 1 meeting date to August 8, 2024. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Gregory Crist 008-40 Doster Road

Is requesting to be hooked up to our water system at Lake Doster. The board explained that he should contact Prairieville Township request a special assessment district.

Fireworks permit Lake Doster Home Association

Vandenberg motioned to approve the fireworks permit to the Lake Doster Association contingent on approve of liability insurance. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Lake Doster Association is requesting two reserve police officer. The Lake Doster Home Association will be responsible for paying them to help with crowd control. Pearson motioned to approve the request. Gustafson seconded. Motion carried.

Archangel Safety LLC

Vandenberg explained that we are trying to take a proactive approach to make sure that our Township is current and following all rules required by MIOSHA. Vandenberg explained that Archangel Safety will come into the Township to inspect what may or may not be in compliance before we could possibly receive a fine. Morehouse explained that MIOSHA will come in and work with you if there is something that is not in compliance and give you recommendations and time to comply before issuing any fines. Morehouse suggested that Vandenberg with CET, before moving forward with Archangel Safety. Morehouse motioned to amend the budget to cover cost. Vandenberg seconded. Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

Martin Township Mutual Aid agreement FD

Martin fire department has asked us to approve the change to the mutual aid agreement we currently have with them which is on file with the Township. Morehouse motion to approve the mutual aid agreement change. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Mute Swan resolution 2023-3

Vandenberg motioned to table this issue until the August 8 meeting in order to receive all the information from the DNR. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Burn permits

Vandenberg stated that we need to move forward with burn ordinance.

Old business

Water Doster/no updates

Moving County offices to Dumont/County still moving forward with this project.

Sewer system Lake Doster

Vandenberg reported that the entire system needs updated at Lake Doster. The bids came in at 3.4 million to replace and repair the entire area. The board would like to set up a meeting with the residents at Lake Doster to discuss this issue.

Lift Station Repairs. Vandenberg motioned to repair three lift stations in the amount of approximately 48,172.00, he requested to amend the sewer budget with a transfer of money from the 1999 Lake Doster fund account balance \$122,817.23. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Gustafson yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Vandenberg yes. Absent Shannon and Horton. Motion carried.

Spongy Moth

Vandenberg is trying to get a meeting set up to educate people on things they can do to help control the outbreak.

Michigan gas franchise

Vandenberg stated that the new contract has been submitted and we will address the new ordinance in July.

Monthly reports

Water and sewer report, deputy report and assessing report. Vandenberg motioned to approve the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Board comments

Vandenberg reported he is only received contact from Force on the contract for soccer. Pearson motioned to allow Vandenberg to negotiate a contract with force. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. He also reported that M-89 from eight Street to Doster Rd. will have road work starting June 17.

Open to the public

Wilkerson 14895 Doster Road address the board about his water.

Adjournment

Gustafson motioned to adjourn. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

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