

**Charter Township of Gun Plain
Regular Monthly Meeting
January 8, 2009**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:30 pm the following board members were present, Meert, Kopka, Moerman, Corbin, Pearson, Morrison and Vandenberg.

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Vandenberg motioned to approve the minutes from December 4, 2008 with two changes, the spelling of Corbin name and add reinstate assessor Pearson to the December 4, 2008 minutes. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of December and a copy of the enterprise funds. Meert will give the board a copy of the payroll at the meeting on Tuesday January 13, 2009. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the general 5/3rd checking balance was \$650,741.05, the 5/3rd cd balance was \$356,000.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$227,244.11. Moerman motioned to accept the report. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Mr. Cutshaw was presented regarding a cemetery lot refund. He ask for a refund, however the grave was in his grandmothers name Fay Cutshaw, he did not have a receipt or a copy of the deed to the lots, the board explained that if he had a receipt or the original deed they would refund his money, however without a receipt or the original deed he has no proof of ownership.

New Business

1. Tony Clark computer tech:

Mr. Clark contacted Vandenberg to advise him that in order to update the new server he would need additional programs that were not in the original bid, plus installation time in the amount of \$1502.04, the board agreed that the township needed the additional

programs to make sure that our server is up and running 100%. Moerman motioned to approve the \$1502.04. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

2. Mr. Barr flooding issue

Mr. Barr is having flooding issues at his home at 283 Doster Rd, the resident is not located near a natural river or lake, however the flooding is extreme when we have heavy rains or fast melting snow. Mr. Barr has contacted the Allegan County Drain and the Allegan County Road Commission; however this is a Barry County Road and Drain. Mr. Hartson from 366 Midlakes Blvd was present and Mr. Chuck Merda Doster Rd stated that Mr. Barr has a big problem with standing water in his yard that is the size of a pond when it rains. It is very close to seeping into his basement. The Township board informed Mr. Barr that we will support him by having the supervisor Mr. Vandenberg contact Barry County Road Commission and Drain Commission to see if they can work out a solution to help Mr. Barr with this major issue.

3. Poverty Guidelines for 2009

Kopka motioned to approve the 2009 federal guidelines with adjustments by the assessor. Corbin seconded. Motion carried. *See attached copy*

4. Office for Supervisor

The board discussed the new supervisor's office, Kopka thought Vandenberg should have the large office that John is currently using, but Pearson ask what hours Vandenberg planned on spending in the office. Vandenberg stated that it is something he wanted to discuss with the board to see what they expected from him. The board decided they would like to discuss this issue at the budget workshop meeting on Tuesday January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

5. Web Site Updates

Vandenberg stated that he contacted Shirley Lund from Otsego; she was a recommendation from Tony Clark. Vandenberg stated that she would charge us \$35.00 per hour to do the updates. Vandenberg will see if she can put the township's minutes on our site. Meert motioned to allow Lund to update the names of board members and calendar dates for meetings. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. Corbin stated he would be more than willing to help with our updates to our site.

6. MTA (Consumers Energy rate increase) Information only

Vandenberg stated that we can expect a 20% increase in our rates this year.

7. Allegan County Road Commission Meeting

The next annual meeting is January 26, 2009. Corbin and Moerman will attend the meeting.

Old Business

1. Federal Trade Commission: identity theft prevention programs.

Vandenberg gave the board a copy of the ordinance that the City of Plainwell is using and ask the board members to read it before February's meeting. The township must adopt one in place as soon as possible.

2. Mike Scobey (VanKeren property)

Meert updated the board on this water connection request made on behalf of Mr. Scobey from Prairieville Township; they are currently in contact with Prairieville Township to see if they will amend their requests for four fire hydrants in the area to possibly one. Prairieville's township clerk will keep Meert informed on this matter.

Monthly Report

Police

Deputy Robert presented the board with a written report, Corbin asked if Roberts would break down the calls to show the total calls that he responds to out of the Gun Plain Township area.

Fire

Warnement reported that they responded to five calls for the month of December 2008 and a total of ninety seven calls for the year. Kopka motioned to accept the reports as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments

Meert had a bill from Emergency Vehicle Products to repair to the tanker, the bill for parts and labor was \$1781.02. Meert asked for approval to pay this bill. Vandenberg motioned to approve the bill. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg requested that his mail not be opened by the secretary in the office. He requested this mail to be put in his box unopened.

Open to the Public – None

Adjournment

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.