

**Charter Township of Gun Plain
Regular Monthly Meeting
March, 2009**

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

Approximately 12 guests were also present.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes for February 5, 2009 and February 19, 2009 with one correction on page 2 under federal trade add March 5, 2009. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with three additions PTO/Pension, PTO payout and Fire Asses. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks paid for the month of February 2009 and a copy of the enterprise fund report. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking balance was \$1,059,121.69, the 5/3 CD balance was \$36,749.00 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$222,300.00. Vandenberg motioned to accept report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

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One resident spoke regarding 2nd St, M89 and Baseline Rd.

New Business

1. Construction Board of Appeals

Vandenberg reported that we need to form a construction board of appeals according to Kurt Scharphorn from PCI. The board asked Vandenberg to put together and report back to the board.

2. Extend Planning Commission member's terms

Vandenberg motioned to extend the current board members term until June 2009. So we can post the openings in the paper to see if there is any other interest in the positions. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

3. Land Information Services (Aerial Imagery)

The county is asking us to pay \$2251.00 for our share of the cost to redo and update the aerial maps of Allegan County including Gun Plain Township. Meert motioned to approve the cost. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

4. Dust Control for 2009

The Township received two bids. 1. Southwest Dust Control in the amount of \$21,000.00 for two applications. 2. Bruce Alan Enterprises, Inc in the amount of \$5940.00 per application or \$17820.00 for three applications. Vandenberg motioned to accept Bruce Alan bids and do three applications for the year in the amount of \$17820.00. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

5. Cyber Security grant (report)

Vandenberg reported that Tony Clark helped write and submit a grant for the cyber security program and we were accepted 100%.

6. Salary Resolutions for 2009/2010

Supervisor \$15000.00 for supervisor statutorily duties and \$15000.00 for non-statutorily duties as listed on attached resolution and anything at the boards desecration.

Corbin motioned to accept. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes and Meert no. *See attached resolution.*

Trustees \$3396.00 annually per trustee.

Meert motioned to accept. Vandenberg seconded. Corbin no, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Morrison yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried. *See attached Resolution*

Clerk \$41537.04

Pearson motioned to accept. Moerman seconded. Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes and Moerman yes. Motion carried. *See attached resolution.*

Treasurer \$32000.00

Pearson motioned to accept. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Moerman yes, Pearson yes, Morrison yes, Corbin yes and Kopka yes. *See attached resolution.*

7. Budget 2009/2010

Corbin motioned to approve the 2009/2010 budget. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Corbin reminded the board that he was pleased that the fire department employees received a 2% wage increase.

Kopka asked if we would contact Deputy Roberts and asked him to contact Kopka regarding a few questions on detailing of the new cruiser, Kopka stated that he would like to see the Gun Plain Township logo stand out a bit more.

8. PTO Payout for 2009

Corbin motioned to approve the payout for PTO for Morrison, Pearson, Menzie and Watkins. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Resolution 2009-1 Identity theft policy

1. Federal Trade Commission: identity theft prevention program

Vandenberg will schedule a meeting and get back with the board on the cost of training. Corbin asked Vandenberg if he would be over seeing the project. Vandenberg stated that he would follow through with the progression of the program. Including the training. Vandenberg motioned to adopt resolution 2009-1 Identity Theft Policy. Kopka seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

2. Ambulance Contract (update information only contract adopted in February 2009.)

3. Joint Recreation Program (update information only)

4. Fire Department assessment committee

The township board is currently looking into forming a committee to help with the assessment of the fire department; the board tabled this issue until we receive more information.

5. PTO / Pension

The board discussed the PTO policy during budget workshop meetings the board decided that March 2009 will be the last payout for PTO time, instead the board agrees to pay all employees a 15% pension, with the exception of the paid on call volunteer fire department employees. Moerman motioned to get rid of the PTO policy after the March 2009 pay out and pay all employees except the fire department employees a 15% pension. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Police report – written report present.

Fire report – Warnement reported that the department responded to 6 calls in February 2009.

Zoning report – none

Enterprise Fund reported in clerks report.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments

Pearson reported that a copy of foreclosure notices and how to help stop them are on file in the front office for anyone that may need them.

Vandenberg reported that the Allegan County Sheriff would like to offer the Township an officer for three years 100% paid for in full, contingent upon our continuing on with the program, similar to our contact with our current deputy. The board asked Vandenberg to get the board more information.

Next months meetings will begin at 7:00 pm.

Kopka reminded the board of the meeting on Tuesday March 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Plainwell Paper Mill, with the City of Plainwell.

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Adjournment

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 9:27 pm. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.