

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 6, 2010

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:00 pm the following board members were present, Corbin, Kopka, Moerman, Meert, Vandenberg, Pearson and Morrison.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 10 guests were present.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes for April 1, 2010 April 20, 2010 and April 29, 2010 as written. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval

Vandenberg stated that he needed to add eight items to the existing agenda. Liquor License 747, Medal Drop off, resolution 2010-7, hall rental, fire department new hires, cemetery, library appointment, board of review. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of April 2010 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Corbin motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Morrison seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking account balance was \$939,513.32, 5/3 CD was \$37222.08 and \$3601.00, the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$230,567.37. Vandenberg motioned to accept the treasurers' report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Linda Hallet asked if the board had heard what the plans are for gravel roads. Vandenberg stated he would report on this issue later in the meeting.

Public Hearing: Fire Run Charges Ordinance

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Meert seconded.

The board discussed the ordinance and opened the floor for questions. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and go back into regular session. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the Fire Run Ordinance. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Thomas Holmes (Modern Woodman)

Mr. Holmes gave the board options on investment and material to read, the board will set a special meeting to discuss the options given to them by Mr. Holmes and whether they want to use Modern Woodman as our investment firm or stay with Raymond James or use a bank to invest in CDS.

Roxanne Ryan (3 DOM)

Mrs. Ryan was requesting a license to sell fund raising raffle tickets from her home, the board requested more information before granting the approval. Corbin Motioned to table this item until we gather more information. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

M-89 Non-Motorized Trail Survey

Corbin would like to add Highway Enhancement to the funding. Corbin motioned to accept the survey. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Bids for Parking Lot

Corbin motioned to accept the bid from Bronco Seal Coating. Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Corbin yes, Vandenberg no and Kopka no.

Vandenberg stated that \$2500.00 should come from the fire department fund balance.

Meert asked if the soccer club could pay \$1500.00, Vandenberg has been in contact with them.

Road Mowing

Vandenberg stated that Allegan County Road Commission is using the same person to mow the road sides that they used last summer, the township board and many residents were not happy with last summer's mowing, Mr. Nelson insured Vandenberg that the mowing will be much better this year. The board did not vote to go ahead with a second mowing until they see if the 1st mowing has improved from last summers.

Proclamation Student Achievement

Kopka motioned to approve the proclamation celebrating student achievement month May 2010 for Plainwell School District. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Liquor License

Information only to inform the board that the 747 license was approved by the State of Michigan for off the premises sales.

Metal Drop off Bin

Vandenberg informed the board on different options he is looking into to save money.

Resolution 2010-7

Kopka motioned to support resolution 2010-7 supporting the fire department application for a fire truck grant. Corbin seconded. If the fire department receives the grant the matching portion would be 5%.

Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Hall Rental

A resident has requested renting the township hall on a week day to host a fund raiser. All board members agree that a resident can rent the hall for the purpose of hosting a fund raiser.

New Hire Fire Department

Chief Meert has made the recommendation to hire Cory Harris, Spencer Brainder, John Pintarelli and Joe Anderson, the four has completed their FF1 and FF2. Corbin motioned to approve the hiring. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Cemetery Question regarding bury without funding

Allegan County Courts contacted Meert to see if our cemetery would help out with the burial of ashes of a person in our community. This person has no family and no financial funding. The board agreed. The board asked Meert and Watkins to look for a grave site that is not usable for a full burial and set it aside for future hardships that may come up.

Library Appointment

Pat Miles is moving away from the township area and will be resigning her position on the library board. Vandenberg will run an ad in the paper to get applicants.

Board of Review (Larry Jones)

Mr. Jones presented the board with a written report of the final numbers for the 2010 March board of review. The board asked Pearson if she would look into how other townships handle the application process when applying for hardship, the board is interested in whether a resident must file a federal or state tax return to be eligible.

Old Business

Office Policy

Pearson motioned to approve the amended office policy. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy Treasurer

The current rate for deputy treasurer is \$6000.00 per year, the board would like to see this go down to \$4000.00 per year, and Kopka feels if Morrison is going to appoint Kathy as his deputy then the board should reduce her secretarial hours. Corbin motioned to pay the new deputy treasurer \$4000.00 a year. Pearson seconded. Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Corbin yes, Kopka no, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

The board would like to discuss the secretarial position and the deputy treasurer at the special meeting scheduled to discuss investments.

Monthly Reports

Fire Department Report

Warnement reported they responded to six calls for the month.

County Sherriff Report

A written report was submitted.

Zoning

Menzie submitted a written report.

Vandenberg motioned to accept all reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

Vandenberg reported on road projects.

Vandenberg reported that the Plainwell Community School has no plan at this time to do summer taxes.

Vandenberg reported that Kathy Morrison has requested a two week vacation and would like to hire Missy Russell to work some days during that period to help cover the phones. Vandenberg motioned to hire Russell up to 4 days. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg reported that the Pat Davis memorial held at the school turned out very nice.

Corbin thanked Meert for a good job on the minutes.

Adjournment

Corbin motioned to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.