

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 1, 2010

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

Also present was approximately 4 guests.

The pledge of allegiances was recited.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Vandenberg added two items, hall rent and fire display permit. Vandenberg motioned to accept the agenda with the two additions, Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2010 and a copy of the enterprise funds

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking account balance was \$897,474.92 the 5/3 CDs were \$37,266.63 and the Raymond James Investment fund were \$231,863.31. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public – None

New Business

Consumers Energy

Corbin motioned to support the resolution to change the ownership to City of Plainwell from Gun Plain Township on a street light located near Gladys and School drive. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Corbin yes Kopka yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bond Early Calling

Morrison reported that he and Meert looked into the sewer bond that has approximately \$210,000.00, by calling this bond early and paying it off in full we could save about \$20,000.00 in interest, if the board approves. Meert motioned to approve the early calling of the bond. Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Moerman yes, Corbin yes Kopka yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion approved.

Set Truth and Taxation Hearing

The board set August 5, 2010 at 7:00 pm for the public hearing.

Appointment of Election Workers

Kathy Steele, Gail Harmon, Bianca Harmon, Mick Meert, Julie Shannon, Jan Mejur, Carol Smalley, Cindy Holmes, Sheryl Shook, Chris Vandenberg, Missy Suver, Nicole Yaw and alternate Pam Brown Vandenberg motioned to approve the election workers, Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments for reclassification of fund

Vandenberg explained to the board that the ambulance fund that was a 999 account was not moved from the old software to the new software the funds are there but showing up under a 996 account, Vandenberg would like permission to move the account numbers, the board agrees.

Parking Lot

Vandenberg would like permission to spend another \$975.00 to have Bronco Sealing finish some additional work that is needed in the parking area. The board agreed and stated that it was already budgeted.

JBS

Vandenberg stated that JBS also known as the(old Murco Company) is considering installing a new freezer building next to their existing business located on 11th street in Gun Plain Township, the project's cost is estimated to be approximately 20 to 40 million. The board will discuss the project with JBS at a special meeting on July 28, 2010 at 7:00 pm. JBS may request a tax abatement for up to 12 years, this abatement would give the company a 50% tax relief on all taxing units within Gun Plain Township for either 6 or 12 years. If JBS moves forward with the project and makes an application to the township for the tax abatement the board would hold a public hearing to discuss and review this issue with the public before making their decision.

Hall Rent Refund

The board agreed to refund \$100.00 to a resident that rented the hall over the weekend, due to the air conditioning not working.

Fireworks Display Permit

Tom Meert applied for a fireworks display permit for Sunday July 4, 2010 from dusk until approximately two hours after dusk. Corbin motioned to approve the permit, Kopka seconded, motion carried.

Old Business – None

Monthly Reports

Fire Report

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to six calls for the month of June 2010. There were no other reports. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Corbin asked about the Hyder Street lights that are still not repaired, Vandenberg told him that Consumer Power is still working on this project, Consumers reported that the wiring is bad, it is not the light bulbs, Consumers will let Vandenberg know if it is the owners responsibility to repair the wiring or if they will be replacing it.

Corbin stated that he supported the senior millage renewal and the new Sherriff Correction Center bond.

Vandenberg informed the board that the Census Workers would be using the hall on July 6, 2010 for more training.

Vandenberg informed the board of an upcoming class hosted by Siegfried Crandall.

Vandenberg updated the board on the road side mowing and asked the board if they wanted to go ahead with another mowing, the board agreed. The mowing was already budgeted.

Corbin asked Vandenberg if he could put the list of roads scheduled for resealing on our township website.

Vandenberg updated the board on the non motorized trail survey there were 39.9% returned.

Adjournment

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 8:18 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.