

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**August 5, 2010**

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

Also present was approximately 10 guests.

**Minutes**

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes as written for July 1, 2010, July 15, 2010 and July 28 2010. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Corbin motioned to accept the agenda with the additions, deletions and corrections made by Vandenberg. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerks Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2010, and a copy of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motioned to accept the clerks report as present. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking account balance was \$904,175.05, the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD balance was \$37,338.14 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$231,904.05. Kopka motioned at accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Paul Klein was present to announce his candidacy for Circuit Court Judge; he will be on the November ballot.

**Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation**

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Meert motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg asked if there were any questions or comments from the public. There

were none. Meert motioned to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to leave the tax levy at 4.4747 however the township board still intends to levy only **1.5431** mills of the 4.4747 the 1.5431 has not increased in the last 22 years. Meert seconded. Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Kopka yes and Corbin yes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Sewer Rates and Sewer Man Hole**

Vandenberg reported that the City of Plainwell informed him that they would be increasing our sewer rate 1.1% this year to cover the Urban CPI increase. The board would like to have a special meeting to discuss this increase and get more information on the CPI rate that the City is using before passing this increase on to our residents. The board set a special meeting for Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 4:00 pm.

Vandenberg updated the board on the readings from the manhole across from the township hall on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Industrial Parkway. The readings are still coming back a little higher than we would like to see, the readings are lower than last summer but they are still high enough to be concerned that it could cause corrosion problems to the man hole. Vandenberg would like to go with the recommendation of the engineers and install a new vented manhole cover and vent it using canisters, the canisters cost will be approximately \$650.00. The board agreed and approved Vandenberg to go ahead with the project.

#### **New Phones**

Vandenberg reported that some of the phones in the township office are getting older and we are having problems with them and asked the board if we could replace six of the phones. The board agreed and told Vandenberg to purchase the new phones for the amount of \$1014.50

#### **Road Flooding on 110 and Gainer Rd.**

Vandenberg informed the board that this area is having a lot of flooding this year to a couple of the homes. He has meet with the road commission and the drain commission to see if we can solve this problem, however this could be a very expensive project to the residents in this area, and Morrison stated that most of the residents in this sub division could not afford a possible \$2000.00 to \$4000.00 drain assessment and it could be much higher than the cost we talked about. The board would like Vandenberg to have a meeting with the residents in this area to see if they are interested in a special assessment before moving forward.

#### **Cemetery 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

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Vandenberg stated that the land designated for the future cemetery located on the corner of 8th Street and M-89 was recently perked and came back okay for burials. Vandenberg asked the board if they

would like for him to get bids to survey the land. The board would like him to get two or three bids to survey the land.

### **Recycling Contract**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the renewal of the contract for recycling. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **JBS**

Vandenberg updated the board and public on the recent activity on the JBS project; the board will hold a Public Hearing at the next regular scheduled monthly meeting September 2, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

#### **Non-Motorized trail**

Vandenberg reported that for the Township to be considered for a grant we need to have a Park and Recreation Committee in place. The board would like to see a group of at least three or four people to serve on this committee. The board agreed to review this during budget time.

#### **Monthly Reports**

Deputy Roberts submitted a written report

Warnement reported that the Fire Department responded to 32 calls since January 1, 2010.

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

#### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

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