

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Special Meeting/Public Hearing

September 21, 2010

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

The meeting was for the purpose of holding a public hearing to discuss the application filed by JBS for tax abatement.

Approximately 30 guests were present.

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Residents asked if they had a noise study done, if so would there be an increase in decimals, the JBS group reported that a study was done and there should be no noticeable increase.

Plainwell schools are concerned with both busing and parents and students driving to school, because JBS peak delivery time is normally between 8:00-9:00 am, the JBS group stated that during the construction of 12th street south to D Ave, they would be happy to move the peak delivery time back a half hour to 8:30-9:30 am.

Vandenberg read a letter of support from Cooper Township board, other letters of support were from Plainwell Schools and City of Plainwell, and Mayor Brooks echoed their support for this project.

Superintendent Susan Wakefield stated that the Plainwell School District was in support of the tax abatement for JBS.

Vandenberg asked if anyone else had any questions. There were none.

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Kopka asked if the area that causes the blind spot which the trucks have to honk their horn to notices other on coming trucks was going to be fixed. JBS group stated it would be fixed.

The board asked about the dropping of waste on to the road would be stopped; the JBS group stated that they have a fine system in place. The 1st offense being \$300.00, 2nd \$500.00 and 3rd suspension of delivering to their plant, they will work hard to stop this from happening by issuing citations to truck drivers.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the 12 (twelve) year tax abatement contingent upon signing the contract. Corbin seconded. Roll as follows Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Morrison yes and Vandenberg yes, motion passed. No nays, absent Pearson.