

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2011

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

Minutes

Vandenberg motioned, 2nd by Kopka to accept the minutes for January 6, 2011, January 10, 2011 and January 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with addition #4 meeting dates. Pearson 2nd. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of January 2011, a copy of the enterprise fund.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5 / 3RD balance was 899,436.77, 5/3RD CD was \$37,422.43 and the Raymond James Investment was \$232,365.47. Pearson motioned to approve the report as presented. Kopka 2nd. Motion carried.

Vandenberg introduced our new deputy Joe Bronson.

Open to the public

Peg Maxsson 1042 106th Ave. was present to voice her concerns regarding trying to pay her taxes several times and the treasurer was not in the office. Vandenberg informed her that we would be discussing this item later in the meeting.

Brad Pine 961 110th Ave. was present to ask questions regarding the six month moratorium Medical Marijuana.

New Business

Reappointment of Planning and ZBA Members

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Planning Commission board members Tom Vogeler for another three year term, Warnement two year term. Zoning Board of Appeals members Tim Oosting and Robert Busk for 3 years. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Budget

The board set March 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm for a public hearing for the 2011/2012 budget.

Dust Control

Vandenberg reported that MCS Dust Control bids came in at \$360.00 per mile, Allen's came in at \$290.00 per mile. Vandenberg motioned to accept Bruce Allen's bid for the dust control. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Date for Regular Monthly Meetings for 2011/2012

Vandenberg motioned to approve the meetings date calendar for 2011/2012. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Bernard Wolf

Ordinance Enforcer John Menzie sent a letter to Mr. Wolf regarding the fact that he is dumping cement blocks again along 5th St and 105th St. the letter stated that he must comply with our ordinances or he will be fined.

747 Restaurant Sewer Rate

Vandenberg motioned to bring this item back to the table for discussion. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Strand requested that his bill be reduced because his restaurant is closed. A restaurant sewer rate is based on units according to square footage. Vandenberg recommended changing Mr. Stand to one unit until he reopens his restaurant, then he would go back to the current 5.4 units. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer

The board held a special meeting on January 10, 2011 to address the many complaints that the office has had to deal with regarding Morrison hours that he is available to collect taxes. The board has also had complaints that Morrison is no longer living in Gun Plain Township. Morrison stated that he is living with his brother on Gainder Road. Mrs. Maxsson stated that she has been to the township on at least four different occasions to pay her taxes and he has not been here, as a tax payer she feels he is making \$36,000.00 to do his job and he is not here to do that job. Morrison stated that he hasn't had any complaints, Kopka stated (because you're not here to hear them). Morrison told the residents that if they have a complaint they can put it in writing to him, or if they call him at home he would come in to take their taxes. Mrs. Maxsson stated that she should not have to call him. At the January 10, 2011

meeting Corbin suggested that Morrison install a box outside his office for residents to leave their taxes, Mr. Morrison stated that he is still looking into the box. Residents attending the meeting stated that a box would not satisfy them and did not like the idea of putting their taxes into a box. Kopka asked Morrison if he had set any additional hours for residents to pay their taxes. Morrison stated that according to the law he is only required to work two days a year. Vandenberg asked Morrison if all of the bank accounts were balanced. Morrison stated that he is working with Meert to get them caught up.

Deputy Treasurer

The original budget for the Deputy Treasurer was \$6000.00, the board lowered that amount to \$4000.00 in May of 2010 all monies has been spent for the fiscal year, and there forth the board needs to approve additional money for the remaining budget through March 31, 2011. Morrison motioned to pay his deputy. The motion failed due to lack of support.

Monthly Reports

Warnement gave a fire report, Deputy Bronson was present, and Horizon submitted a written report. Vandenberg motioned to approve all reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Board Members Comments

Pearson updated the board on Wilderness Hills land.

Vandenberg informed the board that the cost to purchase a projector and computer was approximately \$1600.00, the board decided not to move forward at this time.

Vandenberg updated the board on the Allegan County Road Commission Meeting that was held January 25, 2011.

Vandenberg informs the board and public that a meeting to discuss Medical Marijuana would be held on March 17, 2011 at 12:00pm. At the Zimmerman Room in the Dumont Complex.

Open to the Public

State Representative Bob Genetski was present; Mr. Genetski updated the board and public on activities and projects at the State of Michigan level.

Adjournment

Pearson motioned to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.