

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**March 3, 2011**

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, Morrison and Pearson.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 25 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Kopka motioned to accept the minutes as written for February 3, 2011 and February 22, 2011. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Under new business the board added item #7 Washing Machine for the Fire Department and #8 Medical Reimbursement. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerks Report**

Meert presented the board with a detailed list of checks written for the month of February 2011 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking balance was \$1,059,195.49, 5/3 CDs were \$37,435.38 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$232,474.79. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Jason Herbert 355 4<sup>th</sup> Street from the Plainwell Community Recreation program, Mr. Herbert thanked the Gun Plain Township board for continuing to participate in the program and updated the board on the current activities.

Craig McCormick 188 11<sup>th</sup> Street was present on behalf of James Bump. Mr. McCormick questioned the treasurer why he paid his tax bill on February 12, 2011 and still received a late fee of \$189.00. Mr. Morrison stated that he would look into it and get back with them.

Karen McCormick 188 11<sup>th</sup> Street was present and asked Mr. Morrison why he hasn't returned her call, she stated that she left him several messages and he still has not returned her calls.

### **Public Hearing**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing. Pearson seconded, motion carried. Vandenberg opened the floor for any comments or questions from the public. There were none. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular session. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg explained that the 4.24% increase in the general budget was due to the road millage passing, the increase will be spent this year on roads. Corbin motioned to adopt the budget as presented. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes.

### **New Business**

#### **50 10<sup>th</sup> Street Rezoning**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the rezone as recommended by the Planning Commission Board. Kopka seconded. Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Morrison yes, Meert no, Pearson yes, Moerman yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2011-3 Appropriations**

Meert stated that the millage for Gun Plain Township has stayed the same rate of 1.5431 mills for the past 26 years. Pearson motioned to approve the resolution. Moerman seconded. Corbin yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

#### **Salary Resolutions**

Meert asked the board if they could raise Vandenberg up to \$39,000.00, there was support, and however Vandenberg stated he would not take an increase in pay, but thanked the board for the offer.

Supervisor's Salary. Meert motioned to approve the supervisor salary at \$37,000.00. Pearson seconded. Corbin no, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Salary. Pearson motioned to approve the \$36,000.00. Meert seconded. Corbin no, Kopka no, Moerman yes, Vandenberg no, Pearson yes, Morrison yes, before voting Meert asked Morrison if he was going to work more hours than he has been working, because of the complaints from residents that he is not in the office when they want to pay their taxes. Morrison stated that he would work more. Meert yes, Motion carried.

Clerk's Salary. Pearson motioned to approve the \$42,830.00. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Morrison yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Corbin no, Pearson yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Trustee's Salary. Meert motioned to approve the \$3396.00 per trustee. Moerman seconded. Corbin no, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

### **2011/2012 Fees and Charges**

The Board agreed to leave the rates the same for the 2011/2012.

### **Ready to Serve Charge (Water)**

Corbin stated that the increase was something the township board had to pass on to our residents due to the City of Plainwell's increase to us. Corbin motioned to accept the increase. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. The Ready to Serve will go from \$6.45 to \$7.45 beginning April 1, 2011 and the water rate per thousand will increase ten cents.

### **Joint Meeting with Planning Commission**

Vandenberg reported that the planning Commission Board and the Township Board joint meeting will be held March 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm. the board will be discussing Medical Marijuana.

### **Fire Department Wash Machine**

Vandenberg presented the board with a quote of \$5030.00 from Great Lakes for a washing machine for the fire department. Corbin explained to the board and public that they need to purchase the machine to keep the newly purchased gear from deteriorating from chemicals. Vandenberg motioned to accept the \$5030.00 from Great Lakes. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

### **Medical Reimbursement Plan**

Annual Fee of \$395.00, the board decided to stop the reimbursement plan beginning April 1, 2011. Kopka motioned to not renew the plan. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

#### **Treasurer**

Morrison reported that he is currently looking at a couple different boxes that would work.

#### **Monthly Reports**

#### **Police Report**

Deputy Bronson was present and updated the board on monthly activities.

#### **Fire Department**

Warnement reported that the department responded to eleven calls in February 2011.

#### **Zoning Enforcement**

Menzie submitted a written report. Vandenberg motioned to accept all reports as present. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Board Member Comments**

Vandenberg updated the board on the Identity thief program; the recommendation is to leave the plan in place the same. Scanning of the IP site for security breach, we can get a three year program for free.

Vandenberg bought 50 new chairs for the hall and would like to purchase 50 more to complete the 100 chairs that we are replacing; the old chairs are about twenty years old and were second hand when we purchased them. Moerman motioned to purchase 50 chairs, Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Kopka no.

### **Tire Pickup**

Vandenberg reported that the township office has had a lot interest in a tire pickup, the board agreed to let Vandenberg schedule a tire pick up, Vandenberg stated that he would like to store the tires in garage and then schedule a tire pickup.

### **Sign**

Vandenberg was requested by the board to look into replacing the signs in front of the buildings, they are old and falling over, Vandenberg has met with some sign builders and will bring the board bids.

### **BSA**

Vandenberg reported that some residents have requested the township look into allowing them to pay their water and sewer bills and their tax bill with a credit card, BSA will install the software for free to the township, and however there will be a 3% fee to the customers who use this method.

### **Open the Public**

None

### **Adjournment**

Pearson motioned to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.