

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2011

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 12 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes as written for April 7, 2011. Morrison seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to accept the agenda with two changes Street Lights and Medical Marijuana. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for the month of April 2011 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking account balance was \$1,072,502.66, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,463.61 and the Raymond James fund was \$232,697.27. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

None

**New Business**

**Mowing for 2011**

Vandenberg reported that the mowing was going to run about \$2035.20 per mowing, and asked if the board was interested in two or three mowing for the season, the board would like the township to offer three mowing if needed. Corbin motioned to approve three mowing for the season. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

## **Street Lights**

Vandenberg reported that the law has changed and the township will have to comply with the new lighting fixtures regulated by Consumers, which consumes less power. The board can decided to replace all of them now or wait until each fails and then replace with the new more energy efficient lights. The board agreed to wait until each street lights fails then replace them.

## **Old Business**

### **Medical Marijuana**

Vandenberg reported that the Planning Commission would like to move forward and follow the Federal guideline which makes marijuana illegal to possess. At this time the township board took no action because we still have a moratorium place, the Planning Commission will discuss this issue at their May 18, 2011 meeting.

### **Fire Department Training Building**

The department has requested the use of a portion of the soccer field approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre to build a training facility. The building would be about 24'x32'. The building would mean the club would lose one soccer field in the southeast corner. The managers for the soccer club were present and asked if the department had time fame on when the department would start the building. They are looking to start this project after the current season is over. The project will cost approximately \$13,797.00; the department has most of the money but would like the township to donate \$5568.40 toward the project. Corbin motioned to budget \$5568.40. Kopka seconded. Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Corbin yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

## **Monthly Reports**

### **Fire Department**

Warnement reported that they responded to four calls in April 2011.

### **Police Report**

Deputy Bronson submitted a written report.

### **Horizon Operation**

Tom Rook submitted a written report for the water and sewer systems.

### **Ordinance Enforcer/none**

## **Comments Township Board Members**

Corbin provided the board with a letter from a resident in the Gainer Subdivision and asked Vandenberg to respond to the flooding questions and solutions.

Vandenberg reported that he contacted JBS, regarding 11<sup>th</sup> street to the north and they have agreed to pay \$12,000.00 of the \$25,000.00 to fix the road.

Vandenberg updated the board on the Joint Recreation activities

Vandenberg updated the board on the M-40 and M-89 Corridor meeting.

Corbin talked about the narrow band and suggests the board move forward by writing a letter Allegan County to seek reimbursement on behalf of the fire department, Vandenberg and Corbin will sit down and draft the letter, requesting reimbursement for the new radios that must be replace due to Central Dispatch changing the narrow band throughout the County.

#### **Open to the Public**

57<sup>th</sup> District Judge Joseph Skocelas was present to update the board; he gave the board a copy of the 2010 annual report and discussed different programs that they are currently using.

#### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.