

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 2, 2011

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

The pledge of allegiances was recited.

Approximately 14 guests were present.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes as presented for May 5, 2011. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with five changes. Cemetery lots discussion. Fire personnel hire, Fire display permit, Roads, Move close session until the end of old business.

Clerks Report

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

Treasurer Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking account balance was \$1,079,881.55, 5/3rd CD was \$37,477.96 and the Raymond James Investment fund was \$233,028.89. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public /None

New Business

Judge William Baillargeon was present to present the board with several programs that the County is currently participating in.

Scobey Water

The board agreed that he can hook up with plastic piping with a wire tracer; however Mr. Scobey still needs to contact Prairieville Township and have their board make a formal request to Gun Plain Township allowing Mr. Scobey to tap into our water system.

Insurance Change MTA

The Township currently has Accident Fund as the carrier for Workers Comp, MTA has offered a new policy at a reduced rate. Meert motioned to change from Accident Fund to MTA. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Sign Ordinance Amendment #149

Corbin motioned to accept the amendments to the ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission Board. Kopka seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Wind Energy System Ordinance Amendments #150

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

Cemetery Lots

Vandenberg asked the board when considering laying out the new cemetery located on the south east corner of M-89, would the board like to see the graves face east and west or north and south. Meert said traditionally people wish to face east and west, the board thought we should see which way we can get the most graves. The board also discussed the possibility of having a section that has above ground headstones and lawn level stones, the area that would allow stones to be above ground would cost more because of the care involved. The board will discuss this issue more in the future.

Fire Department Hire

Chief Meert recommended Tyler Town for hire as a paid on call fire fighter, Vandenberg motioned to hire Tyler Town as recommended by the fire chief. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Display Permit

Tom Meert 497 8th Street applied for a fireworks display permit. Corbin motioned to accept the application for permit. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Roads

Vandenberg reported that the gravel bid for 2011 came in at \$23,942.50. Vandenberg motioned to accept the bid from Smith and Inc. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department Training Facility

Brian Meert presented to the board with a possible change to the location of the new building, the fire department committee has decided, for safety purposes they would like to move the new building from the back north east corner of the soccer field, to directly behind the current fire building. The board

agreed that this area would be safer; it would have lighting from the other township buildings and can be seen from the road.

Old Business

Medical Marijuana

Corbin motioned to support the Planning Commission's recommendation to support the Federal Law. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson was present to give a report. Warnement reported that the fire department responded to four calls in May 2011. Rook presented a written report for water and sewer. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Vandenberg reported that the CPI went up 5.4% and the City of Plainwell will be raising our resident's rates by that amount, this will mean we will need to pass along the increase; Vandenberg will discuss this issue with the board after our study comes back.

Flooding in Gaider

We are still having flooding throughout the township; Kopka stated that in May we have seven days that it did not rain we are going to have flooding issues.

Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones updated the board and public on Allegan County activities.

Close Session

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and go into close session to discuss litigation. Corbin seconded. Moerman yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Richard no and stated that he doesn't agree that he is not allowed to attend the close session. The board explained that his wife is suing the township; therefore he has an interest in the law suit.

Corbin motioned to close the close session and return to the regular monthly meeting. Meert seconded. Corbin motioned to open and close the regular monthly meeting at 9:50 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.