

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 5, 2012

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately nine guests were present.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes for December 1, 2011 as written. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions New Business 4. Non motorized trail 5. Reappointment of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals board members. 6. Oil and Gas Lease. Under Old Business add 1. JBS. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the general checking account balance was \$817,199.90, 5/3rd CD was \$37,586.88 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$235,114.60. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/None

New Business

Alex Corbin Training video

Alex Corbin was present and presented the board with a video of Gun Plain Fire Department training in the new training building.

Fire Department old chairs

The department has old metal chairs they would like to put an ad in the paper to take bids. The board agreed.

Set special meeting date for Sewer and Budget

The board set Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 4:30 pm to discuss the sewer rate study and review the final budget.

Motorized Trail and Park Recreation

Vandenberg reported that the township will not be done in time to meet requirements for this year's grant; Vandenberg stated that the project would be delayed for a year.

Planning Commission Board Members reappointment

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Aaron Morehouse, Shelly Simons and Diane Webber for another two years to serve on the Planning Board and Connie Haan and Jack Kellogg to serve on the Zoning Board. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Oil and Gas Lease

Vandenberg reported that Western Land Services would like to know if the township is interested in signing up the soccer fields. Meert stated that she didn't like the idea; the board will take action on this issue at a later date.

Old Business

JBS

The township has received a lot of complaint regarding trucks coming in from the south and stacking up along 11th Street in both lanes. Vandenberg has been in contact with the management and they are trying to solve the problem. JBS has informed drivers that they will issue a fine if the driver continues to be in violation.

Monthly Reports

Ordinance Enforcer

Menzie reported that he had a complaint on a junk car and it has been moved.

Deputy Bronson was present and presented the board with a report of last month and last year's activity in the county and township.

Horizon presented a written report on the water and sewer system.

Warnement reported that the department responded to eighty five calls in 2011. Maurer also presented the board with a detail break down of calls throughout the year.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board members

Vandenberg requested that the April 5, 2012 meeting could be rescheduled to April 12, 2012. The board agreed.

The next library meeting to discuss the building is scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Meert and Pearson will attend on behalf of the board.

The next Allegan County Road meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Vandenberg and Corbin will attend on behalf of the board.

Vandenberg reported that the grant for the pumper truck was denied. The board will be discussing other ways to fund the pumper.

Open to the Public

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

Don Black spoke to the board and public on County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:44 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.