

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2012

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 8 guests were present.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written for January 5, 2012 and January 10, 2012. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg added 4. Dust Control and Mowing. Corbin motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Moerman seconded.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of January 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Corbin motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking account balance was \$1,060,933.26, the 5/3rd CD was \$37,625.40 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$235,133.23. Moerman motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/None

Public Hearing (Budget)

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for comments and questions. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

No public comments Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Before voting on the 2012/2013 budget the board discussed the sinking Capital Improvement Funds for 2012/2013. The board is planning for the future by looking into designating funds to the follow projects,

New Fire Pumper Truck (replacing a 1978), backhoe for the cemetery, police cruiser, building add on for to provide more storage area, generator and bike path/park.

Kopka motioned to approve the 2012/2013 budget. Moerman seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Ken Menck bid \$225.00 on the steel. Vandenberg motioned to accept the bid. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg bid \$35.00 on the chairs. Morrison motioned to accept the bid. Moerman seconded. Motion carried, Kopka voted no.

Appoint Election Workers

Morrison motioned to appoint the following election worker to the February 28, 2012. seconded by Moerman. Jenann Pearson, Molly Vandenberg, Julie Shannon, Kathy Steele, Gail Harmon, Marilyn Meert, Chris Vandenberg, Necole Yaw and Sheryl Shook.

Township Building

The board took bids for the architectural services on an addition to the existing township hall the addition will contain a new storage room and vault. Vandenberg motioned to accept Larry Bishop's bid. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Morrison yes, Corbin yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Dust Control

Corbin motioned to accept the bid from Bruce Allen. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. The bid will include three applications for the summer months the bid was \$12,615.00.

Road Mowing

The bid came in from the County at the same cost as last summer \$1800.00 per mowing, Kopka motioned to accept the bid. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Department

Corbin motioned to add a new position to the fire department as listed in Section 1.9 in the SOG'. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. [See attached article.](#)

General Appropriation Resolution

Whereas, in accordance with the Charter Township Act of Michigan and the Uniform Budgeting Accounting Act, the General Fund Budget has been prepared and submitted to the Township Board covering the 2012/2013 fiscal year of the Township in the amount of \$1,193,005.00 covering the general

Township operations; and Whereas, a notice that said budget hearing was scheduled for February 2, 2012, was published in the Allegan County News on January 19, 2012, which included a notice that the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the budget would be a subject of the budget hearing.

Salary Resolution

Trustees

Meert motioned to support the resolution to set salary. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Assessor

Meert motioned to support resolution to set salary. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Clerk

Pearson motioned to support resolution to set salary. Morrison seconded. Morrison yes, Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer

Pearson motioned to support resolution to set salary. Meert seconded. Moerman yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes, Corbin no and Kopka no. Motion carried.

Supervisor

Kopka motioned to support resolution to set salary. Pearson seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

See attached resolutions to establish township officers salary

Old Business

None

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the Fire department responded to eight calls for the month of January 2012.

Deputy Bronson updated the public and township board on Allegan County Sheriff department activities.

Ordinance Enforcer Menzie reported that he had one complaint this month.

Horizon submitted a written report for the water and sewer system.

Comments Township Board Members

Vandenberg reported that there will be a Public Hearing in June for the new Rest Stop along 131. The construction is scheduled to begin in 2013.

Road Repairs and Sewer Rate Increase Meeting

The board set a meeting to discuss the sewer increases that are being passed on by the City and the increase that the township needs to pass on according to the sewer study. The meeting will be February 7, 2012 at 6:00 pm. The board will also discuss the road projects for 2012 at this meeting.

Vandenberg informed the public and board that the Law Enforcement meeting will be held at the township hall on March 15, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Vandenberg informed the board and public that he is working with MDOT and DEQ to see what they are dumping along 106th and 131 interchange. Vandenberg has been in contact with both MDOT and DEQ and is looking for answers on what they are dumping there.

The bids will be going out soon for the roads in the new cemetery.

Open to the public

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

Don Black spoke on square feet cost of the new Jail.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:16 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.