

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 7, 2012

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 18 guests were present.

Minutes

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written for May 3, 2012 and May 14, 2012. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of April 2012 and a list of the enterprise fund. Pearson motioned to accept the reports. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$1,203,276.05, 5/3rd CD was \$37,617.82 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$235,475.72. Meert motioned to accept the report. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

John Brush announced his candidacy for Allegan County Drain Commissioner.

New Business

Judge Baillargeon was present and showed a very powerful video on drunk driving, and spoke to the board regarding drugs and alcohol abuse.

First Community Federal Credit Union

First Community Credit Union was present to do a presentation regarding the services that they could offer our township.

Fifth Third

Fifth Third also presented a written proposal together for the board to review for new services that they can offer showing ways to cut down on fees. Kopka motioned to stay with 5/3 with the new proposal that will save the township money on fees, until we have looked at all other banks, credit union and other institutions and what they can offer the township. Pearson seconded. Motion carried,

Budget Amendments

Vandenberg explained that while paying the phone bills for the water system Meert observed that the phone line in the budget for 2012/2013 was over, and reviewing the budget Vandenberg and Meert realized that because we dropped the Miss Dig phone service and went to all email contact, it was assumed that all phone bills would be cut from the budget, however we have a phone line at the well house and need to amend the budget to cover this cost. Pearson motioned to amend the budget line item 591-538-851 in the amount of \$7000.00. Corbin seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Morrison yes, Vandenberg yes, Moerman yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

July Meeting

Vandenberg requested the board consider changing the July 5, 2012 meeting date to July 12, 2012. The board feels a lot of residents may be on vacation or out of town. Kopka motioned to move the July 5, 2012 to July 12, 2012 and close the office on July 5, 2012. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Vandenberg updated the board and public on the dumping on 106th Ave. the board still has had no luck getting MDOT to agree to let the township sample the area, we are moving forward at this time sending letters to State Representative Dave Agema requesting a hearing on this matter. A copy of the letter sent to Representative Agema will be attached to the minutes and available at the township.

M-89 Road Work

Vandenberg updated the board and public on the M-89 construction.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to eleven calls in April 2012.

Deputy Bronson reported to the board on monthly activity for the sheriff department.

Menzie submitted a written report for the month of April.

Board Comments

Corbin reported on his trip to Lansing, he reported that they are still considering getting rid of the local townships and letting the Counties do all elections, assessing, selling cemetery lots, coordinate recycling programs, ordinance enforcing, fire protection and all other day to day operations, Corbin stated he told them what a loss of local government would mean for the residents in the community and stressed how important it is to keep local townships.

Vandenberg stated that our new sewer rates begin July 1, 2012.

Vandenberg reported that Bob Genetski will be speaking on June 22, 2012 at 9:00 am. At the Griswold in Allegan Michigan.

Open to Public

The following speakers

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

Don Black

Monty Wilson

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.