

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 2, 2012

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 16 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Pearson motioned to accept the minutes that were written for July 12, 2012. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg requested to add two new items under new business. Deyoung PA 116 application, Facility Dude. Kopka motioned to approve the amended agenda. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Corbin motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking balance was \$907,912.16, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,630.20 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$235,998.52. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Annette Horton announced her candidacy for Treasurer of Gun Plain Township.

Jill Eastmen announced her candidacy for Treasurer of Gun Plain Township.

**Public Hearing: Truth and Taxation**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Morrison seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comment. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular monthly meeting Kopka seconded. Vandenberg motioned to keep the maximum

allowable millage rate of 4.4747 which is allowed under a Charter Township. However, the board agreed to continue to levy the same millage rate of 1.5431 that has been levied for 26 years in addition to the voted road millage of 1 Mill for three years. Corbin seconded. Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Corbin yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Supervisor Pay**

The board agreed to leave the supervisor salary at \$49,000.00, \$37,000.00 is his regular salary for supervisor and \$12,000.00 in lieu of health benefits, if Vandenberg would ever need to take the health benefits, Vandenberg agreed his salary would go back to \$37,000.00 and he could receive health benefits.

#### **PA 116 DeYoung Farmland LLC**

DeYoung Farmland LLC applied for a PA 116 for approximately 71 acres located in section 2 in Gun Plain Township. Vandenberg motioned to approve the application submitted by Deyoung Farmland LLC. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Meert Yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

#### **Facility Dude**

No action was taken on this issue.

### **Old Business**

#### **106<sup>th</sup> Ave Dumping**

Vandenberg has contacted Governor Snyder's office and they are taking MDOT's position, they will not allow Gun Plain Township on the property to take samples of the material dumped at the site. Vandenberg has put in a FOA request for all records at the DEQ. Vandenberg stated that the permit process shows no amendments to the permits, which there clearly should have been. Vandenberg is going to research the files. There is still a hearing scheduled in September in Lansing; the board will notify the residents affected by this dumping as soon as we are notified of the exact date and time of the hearing.

#### **M-89 Road Work**

Vandenberg updated the board and audience on the progress of the project.

#### **Monthly Reports**

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to 13 calls in July.

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

Menzie reported that he had only telephone complaints only for the month.

Vandenberg motioned to approve reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg reported that he is still working on getting broadband throughout the township.

Vandenberg stated that he is still working with Martin on the Sewer line, in case the State of Michigan revisits building the proposed new rest stop along US 131 in Gun Plain Township.

**Open to the Public**

Don Black updated the board with a written report on Allegan County Activities.

**Adjournment**

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 7:39 pm. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.