

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**November 1, 2012**

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 20 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written for October 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 and October 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Trustee Vacancy**

The board took no action to reappoint a new trustee, because there is less than three weeks before the newly elected officials take office.

**Approval of Agenda**

Add item #7 Treasurer's pension, #8 cemeteries and #9 425 agreement with Plainwell. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of October 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds, Kopka motion to accept the clerk's report. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pearson reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking balance was \$570,956.62, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,630.20 the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$236,070.93 Kopka motioned to accept the report. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public/None**

**New Business**

**Appoint Planning Commission Members**

Kopka motioned to reappoint Vandenberg to another four year terms. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Kopka moved to appoint William Vance to fill the remaining term of Arron Morehouse. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

**Library (Pat Vance)**

Mrs. Vance was present to update the board and public on the Ransom Library project of either expanding the existing building or looking into a new library, Mrs. Vance explained that they are still visiting other libraries in

neighboring areas for ideas, she explained that at this time they have not made a decision either way and will keep the board and public informed as information becomes available.

#### **Kim Schaffer**

Mrs. Schaffer was present and discussed the Plainwell Education Foundation, she explained the foundations creates grants for teachers and scholarships to students, there meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Blue and White night will be on March 2, 2012.

#### **Health Insurance**

(Senate Bill #7 EVIP) Vandenberg motioned to set aside senate bill #7. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Recycling**

Vandenberg reminded the board that we are in a \$14,000.00 deficit from last year in recycling. The board agreed to take from the general fund to pay the difference to pay the deficit. Vandenberg stated that it is very important for the township to go forward with a 4<sup>th</sup> zone for recycling pickup.

Vandenberg motioned to go to 3 large bulk trash pickups for May, June, and October of 2013 and adding a fourth recycling zone. The difference between revenues and expenditures in recycling will be paid from the general fund. The motion is contingent upon Allegan County approval. The supervisor will send out maps showing the 3 bulk pickup dates and show the new 4 zone on the new maps to be mailed to all residents. Pearson seconded. Corbin yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Truck Lease**

Vandenberg reported that we need to approve the Master Agreement for the new fire truck. The board paid 50% down and will pay a lease over a ten year period; the payment will be \$21,720.38 for ten year.

Corbin motioned to accept the Master lease Purchase Agreement No001 dated October 22, 2012 authorizing the supervisor to sign all papers and documents as needed. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Motion carried.

#### **Prior Treasurers**

Vandenberg reported that Morrison has filed for unemployment; under the unemployment act an elected official is not eligible for benefits. The board paid Mr. Morrison for his full pension in May; Corbin requested Vandenberg to send Morrison a letter by Registered Mail requesting that he repay the portion of the pension that he was not entitled to the sum of \$2250.00. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Cemetery**

Brian Burr did not accept the contract offered to him by the township board. At this time Brian is still working on a hourly basis. Vandenberg and Meert will have a meeting will Burr next week and report back to the board.

#### **425 Agreements**

The old Plainwell Vault Company is currently for sale. The new owners are requesting to get grant money. The area is currently zoned commercial. Vandenberg asked if the board members have any questions regarding the

property. Vandenberg stated that the City and Township need to work together on a 425 agreement and present it to both boards for approval.

#### **Old Business**

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

The samples were taken and tested, all test came back with good results and are all below the standard of safety. The township has done all testing possible to resolve any questions regarding problems with this soil and the issue is closed.

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

The projects are done until next July 2013.

##### **Monthly Reports/None**

##### **Board Comments**

Kopka thanked Corbin for serving on the township board and wished him well.

Corbin submitted a written statement to the board members and residents of the community. *See attached*

Vandenberg reported that new rest stop along US 131 in Gun Plain Township is still shelved.

##### **Open to the Public**

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

Commissioner Don Black also updated the board on County activities.

##### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.