

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Special Meeting

January 30, 2013

A special meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 4:00 pm, to discuss the budget and roads, the following board members were present Morehouse, Pearson, Meert, Kopka, Vandenberg and Horton.

Budget (Road Millage)

Vandenberg informed the board that while researching the road millage language he realized that December 2012 is the last year for collection for the voted millage that was approved 2010, so in order to levy the road millage in December 2013, the board would need to make an executive decision to levy the 1. Mill under the Charter Township law or hold a special election in August to ask the voters, the election would cost approximately \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00, the board agreed to levy the 1 mill in August 2013 at the time of the Headlee Hearing for the upcoming December 2013 tax collection. Then the board would purpose the road millage renewal question on the August 2014 ballot. The board felt that because both times the township had the millage on the ballot the public passed it overwhelmingly, the township board feels that the public would want the board to move forward to repair the roads.

Vandenberg will explain this process to the public and press at the February 7, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

Roads

The board discussed the maps provided by Allegan County Road Commission rating the roads from a 1-10, 1, 2, 3 need the work now and 9, 10 being roads that are in excellent condition. The board decided to move forward with the Top View Plat area, 102nd and Liberty Street corner of the intersection approximately 15 to 20 feet need to be cut and hard patched. The board asked Vandenberg to drive the other areas that are listed in the poorest condition and make the final decision; Vandenberg will bring back his recommendations to the board.

Meeting/School/Joint Rec

The Board directed Vandenberg to attend the upcoming school board meeting and request a joint meeting with the Plainwell School Board, Sue Wakefield, and Melissa Gelbaugh. The township board would like to discuss the Joint Recreation budget and other items for one (High Speed Internet) the township's intent is to work together with Plainwell Community School to stay in the Joint Rec Program, this program benefits the children in our communities. The Gun Plain Township board agreed to host the meeting. Vandenberg will report back to the township board on a date.

Fire Truck

Tom Meert asks the board if they would like him to move forward and sell the old fire truck for \$5000.00. Morehouse motioned to allow Chief Meert to sell the old fire truck for \$5000.00. Pearson seconded. Meert explained that they really do need the room that this truck is taking up.

Police Contract

Vandenberg was asked to look into the deputy contract due date and contact Otsego Township to see if they were interested in sharing our deputy.

Adjournment

Meert motioned to adjourn at 5:25 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.