

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 7, 2013

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

The pledge of allegiances was recited.

Approximately five guests were present.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to accept the minutes as written for January 3, 2013, January 8, 2013, January 22, 2013 and January 30, 2013. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg added item #2 under old business Joint Recreation. Kopka motioned to approve the amended agenda. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert submitted a list of checks written for the month of December 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to approve the clerk's report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$839,711.45 the 5/3rd CD was \$37,669.65 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$236,583.35. Vandenberg motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing: 2013 Budget

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and open the Public Hearing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. The floor was open for questions and comments pertaining to the budgets for 2013/2014. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Pearson motioned to approve the 2013/2014 Budget. Horton seconded. Morehouse yes, Moerman yes, Pearson yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes, Meert yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Resolution No.213-2 General Appropriation Resolution

Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, the General Fund Budget has been prepared and submitted to the Township Board covering the 2013/2014 fiscal year of the Township in the amount of \$1,161,834.00 covering general Township operations. Kopka motioned to approve Resolution No. 2013-2. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions

Supervisor *See Attached Resolution* Pearson motioned to approve the supervisor salary of \$50,470.00. Morehouse seconded. Horton yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes and Morehouse yes. Motion carried.

Clerk *See Attached Resolution* Pearson motioned to approve the clerk's salary of \$44,115.00. Morehouse seconded. Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes and Moerman yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer *See Attached Resolution* Kopka motioned to approve the treasurer's salary of \$30,000.00. Pearson seconded. Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes and Moerman yes. Motion carried.

Assessor *See Attached Resolution* Vandenberg motioned to approve the assessor's salary of \$35,020.00. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes and Moerman yes. Motion carried.

Roads

The board recommended going forward with resurfacing the following projects, Top View Plat, South Lake Doster to Midlakes Blvd. to the bend, near our water well house, Drake Ct and Heron Ct.

Dust Control

Bruce Allen agreed to hold his price rate again for the third year. Vandenberg motioned to approve three applications and if a really dry summer the board is recommending a fourth. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Mowing

Vandenberg reported the mowing cost for 2013 will remain the same price as last year and they will be using the same contractor. Vandenberg motioned to stay at three mowing for the year. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Township Banking

Horton updated the board that currently she is looking into other Banks and Credit Unions to see if they can save the township money on fee rates that 5/3 is currently charging. She will get back with the board.

Old Business

980 9th Street Vacant Property

Kopka motioned to bring the issue back to the table for action. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. Wells Fargo would like to donate the property to the township; however the township has no interest in the property and would like Wells Fargo to keep the property.

Joint Recreation

The board would like to meet with the Plainwell School Board to discuss some questions the township board has regarding the budget. Plainwell School Board has informed Vandenberg that they would like our board to meet with their Ad Hoc Committee. The board asked if Vandenberg would go the February 14, 2013 and ask again if the two boards could meet. The board feels a meeting is necessary before the March 15, 2013 contracts are do.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to six calls in January 2013.

Horizons Operation submitted written reports for the water and sewer systems.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Board Members

Vandenberg reported that Commissioner Black and Vandenberg attended an Internet networking session with other surrounding Municipalities to see if we can help improve internet services to our residents. We will be sending out a survey in the assessment notices.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Black updated the board on Allegan County activities.

John Nyberg spoke on the Joint Recreation meeting.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:57 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.