

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 1, 2013

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Also present was four guests.

Minutes

Meert presented minutes for July 11, 2013 and July 17, 2013. Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with one change, move Real Estate Purchase to the end of the regular meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2013 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Horton motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the General account balance for July 31, 2013 was \$1,009,010.08, the 5/3rd CD was \$37,738.34 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$ 236,252.47. Vandenberg motioned to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/ None

Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing for the purpose of Truth and Taxation Hearing. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

There was no public comments.

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular monthly meeting. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg explained that as a Charter Township the board can levy up to 4.747, however we currently levy 1.5431 which consist of general operating is 1.0502 and Fire is .4929. The roll back percentage this year is .0311, Vandenberg explained that in order for the township not to lose this amount we need to increase the amount we can levy by the .0311 to stay the same. Vandenberg also explained that the board would continue to levy the 1.000 mill of roads, he explained that this will expired for the

December 2013 tax bill and because the public has passed this millage overwhelming the past two elections that the board decided to continue to levy the 1.000 mill. Vandenberg motioned to levy the .0311 to stay at our current 4.747. The warrant due September 30, 2013 Gun Plain Township will levy a total of 2.5431 which is the same amount that has been levied for the past seven years. Pearson seconded. Horton yes, Morehouse yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried. Absent Kopka.

Seal Bids

Five Computers (five years old) the bid was \$125.00 from Vicky Fassel. Old Mowers (non running) two bids one for \$42.00 and one for \$50.00. Pearson motioned to accept the bid from Vicky Fassel for \$125.00 for 5 computers and \$50.00 bid from Joel Ritsema for the mowers. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fracking update/ the next meeting will be held on August 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm. the meeting will be a joint meeting with FLOW, the Township board of trustees and the Planning Commission board. The boards will be focusing on ordinance options. Vandenberg is currently trying to set up another meeting with the boards and the DEQ well supervisor.

Monthly Report

Deputy Bronson was present and presented the board and public with an update for June and July 2013, Bronson touched on many items, including the Meth problems, he also reported on the amount of time that he is spending in Otsego Township.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

Vandenberg reported on his recent trip to Emmett County to look into the roads that were gravel and they used enzymes to convert them into solids roads then chip sealed them, Vandenberg had pictures of the project.

Vandenberg reported on the B93 meeting and concerns of the event such as over load of traffic and people in the surrounding Townships and Cities and Villages'.

A meeting will be held on August 8, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Lake Doster County Club House for discussion on internet services.

Vandenberg reminded board members that there will be a special meeting at 6:00 pm. before the next monthly meeting on September 5, 2013 with the auditors.

Recycling for electronics will be held on August 10, 2013 at the Township Hall.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Black updated the board on Allegan County activities.

Geresy asked the board if we could request Fred Upton to host an open forum at Gun Plain Township.

Real Estate

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and go into close session to discuss a real estate possible purchase. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the close session and return to the regular monthly meeting. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.