

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 7, 2013

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

The pledge was recited.

Also present was approximately 11 guests.

Minutes

Vandenberg motioned to approve the minutes for October 3, 2013 with one correction on page 2. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg added two items under new business. 1. Dates for holidays. 2. Firemen's dinner. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of October 2013 and a copy of the enterprise fund. Pearson motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the general account balance was \$706,691.00, the 5/3 CD was \$37,757.00 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$236,229.00. Meert motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open the Public

Terry Burns was present to announce his candidacy for State Representative.

New Business

Appointment of Trustee

Joyce Moerman resigned effective October 3, 2013 due to health reason, the board placed ads in the Allegan County News and the Shoppers Guide. The board received eight applications for the position. The person will be appointed to the position until the November General election in 2014. A person wishing to run for this position would have to file in April 22, 2014. Vandenberg stated that we have eight applications, Jon Nieuwenhuis, Shelly Simons, Larry (Casey) Jones, Monty Wilson, Billy Shannon, Bill Geresy, Marilyn Meert and Sally Zelenock. Vandenberg stated that he felt that the right thing to do, would be to appoint that person that received the next highest votes in the 2012 election, which was Monty Wilson. Vandenberg motioned to nominate Wilson, Meert seconded the motion. Roll call Morehouse no, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Horton no, Vandenberg yes and Pearson no. The motion failed

with a tie vote. Morehouse motioned to appoint Billy Shannon. Pearson seconded. Roll call Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes and Kopka no, motion carried.

Holiday Dates

Meert motioned to close the office on December 26, 2013 and January 2, 2014. Pearson seconded. Morehouse no, Kopka no, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Horton yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Firemen's Dinner

Kopka motioned to approve the firemen's annual dinner up to \$23.00 per firemen. Morehouse seconded. Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Motion carried. Meert noted that the fire association pays for the wife's or husbands meal.

PA 116 Boersen

Arlan and Sandy Boersen submitted a request to allow parcel 0308-01-013-00 to be placed in PA 116 for a period of 10 years.

Boersen Farm Properties submitted a request to allow parcels 0308-005-001-10, 0308-002-006-00, 0308-002-008-10, 0308-004-006-00 and 0308-005-001-00 to be placed in PA 116 for a period of 10 years. Vandenberg motioned to approve all parcels listed in the applications submitted by Boersen for the PA 116 Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Board Members

Kopka welcomed Billy Shannon to the board.

Vandenberg cancelled the November 12, 2013 budget workshop.

Vandenberg noted that MDOT will be chip sealing M89 beginning near 8th Street to Richland in 2014.

Vandenberg informed the board that he drove over to the Allegan Road Commission regarding some projects that the township are interested in pursuing. The Commission ask board members to amend their meeting on November 13, 2013 at 9:00am.

Public Comments

Allegan County Commissioner Black updated the public and board on Allegan County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:14 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.