

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

December 5, 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, Horton, Pearson and Shannon.

The pledge was recited.

Also present was approximately 10 guests.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written for November 7, 2013 and November 5, 2013. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments New Business remove item #6 Contract for Water Sampling with City, replace with Tree Trimming at Doster. Add #9 Joint Recreation, under old business add #2 Sewer Ordinance. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of November 2013 and a list of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to approve the report as presented. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the General Fund balance was \$761,000.00, 5/3CD \$37,757.00 and the Raymond James Investment balance was \$236,203.00. Pearson motioned to accept the report. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Bill Geresy spoke and John Nyberg.

New Business

Appointment of Planning Commission and ZBA Members

Vandenberg recommended that we reappoint the same people that their term is expiring in February 2014. Planning Commission 3 year term is Tom Vogeler until February 2017. Bill Vance and Shelly Simons 2 year term until February 2016. Zoning Board of Appeals Tim Oosting and Robert Busk 3 year terms ending 2017. Pearson motioned to move forward with Vandenberg recommendation. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

Vandenberg explained to the board that due to changes in the policy the board needed to have a special meeting to discuss how to manage the Health Care Plan. A special meeting was set for December 12, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Poverty Guidelines for 2014

Kopka motioned to approve the new rates. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. If you wish to read the 2014 guidelines please stop in the township hall where a copy will be available.

Meeting Dates for 2014

Vandenberg presented a list with meeting dates and Holidays for 2014. Horton motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. A copy of the dates will be listed on our web page at Gunplain.org or a copy will be posted in the Bulletin Board on the township entrance.

Contract for Postage Machine

Pearson motioned to go with a new five year contract for a new version machine. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. It is less money than our old contact and it is a 10 pound weighing machine instead of a five pound machine.

Tree Trimming at Lake Doster

Vandenberg and Allegan County Road Commission have had a lot of complaints on the recent tree trimming in the Lake Doster Area, Vandenberg thanked the people at Doster that worked together to clean up the area.

Letter to Otsego Township

Vandenberg explained that the City of Plainwell, City of Otsego and Gun Plain Township would like to send Otsego Township a letter recommending that the boards meet to discuss police protection. Vandenberg asked for authorization to sign the document. Meert motioned to allow Vandenberg to sign the letter. Shannon seconded. Vandenberg stated that they are also trying to set dates in January to meet.

Fireworks Ordinance

Vandenberg asked the board members to review the Draft before the Public Hearing, if anyone had input or changes please bring them back to the board.

Joint Recreation

Plainwell School Board requested that Gun Plain Township puts their request in writing. Supervisor Vandenberg brought concerns to the township board that the Plainwell Rec program was down 147 people, 55 % were from Gun Plain Township since the township left the Joint Rec program. Vandenberg recommended that the Township board is willing to offer the following 1. Renegotiate the Joint Recreation Agreement to allow the Township to hold the money (\$7000.00) here at the Township. The school will bill the Township \$15.00 for each student from the Township that participates in the program. 2. The School will pay all indirect costs of the Joint Recreation Program. 3. Budgets will be presented quarterly to the Joint Recreation Committee. 4. The Joint Recreation Committee will make

recommendations to the Board of Education based on BOE policies 5. Improve communication between Joint Recreation Committee and BOE.

Kopka motioned to accept the recommendations and have Vandenberg present them to the BOE. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Boersen PA 116 applications

Vandenberg motioned to rescind the PA 116 application from the November 7, 2013 meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the PA 116 from Boersen Farm Inc. Parcels 0308-005-001-10, 0308-002-006-00, 0308-002-008-10, 0308-004-006.00, and 0308-005-001-00. Horton seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson reported on the Police calls, fire department submitted a written report, Horizons submitted a written report, Allegan County Senior's and Veteran's Committee submitted a written quarterly report.

Pearson motioned to approve the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Vandenberg report on the following:

- We will be discussing the testing sites for water at the January 9, 2014 meeting.
- Allegan County Road Commission is willing to let the Township test the Enzyme product on a dirt road, they will need to do core sampling. The next Allegan County Road Meeting is January 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm.
- GIS Mapping will be approximately \$2,100.00 to \$2,300.00, Vandenberg suggested the clerk pay this amount for this fiscal year budget.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Black updated the board and public on County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:06 pm. Horton seconded. Motion carried.