

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 6, 2014

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

Also present were approximately 10 guests.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as written for February 6, 2014 and February 27, 2014. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments remove item #6 Budget Amendments and move to the April 3, 2014, addition to new business, #6 Eagle Scouts. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the 5/3 balance for February 28, 2014 was \$1,169,125.00 the 5/3rd CD was \$37,770.00 and the Raymond James Investment Fund was \$236,581.00. Pearson motioned to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/none

New Business

Appointment of Board of Review members

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Tom Vogeler, Larry Jones and Julie Shannon to serve from 2014/2016. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2014-2

This would allow local residents to protest in writing their BOR assessment. Vandenberg motioned to approve Resolution 2014-2. Horton seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Tom Rook/Horizon Contract

Rook has requested a 1.25% increase on his current contract. Kopka motioned to approve the contract with the increase of 1.25%. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Sewer Rate Increase

Resolution 2014-3 Sewer Rate increase for Gores Addition and Lake Doster. The current sewer rate for Lake Doster is \$64.53 the new rate will be \$68.68. Gores Addition current rate is \$40.73 the new rate will be \$43.36. The rate increases are based on the sewer study. Meert motioned to approve the recommendations from the sewer study. Shannon seconded. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Shannon yes and Morehouse yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to wait until July 2014 to impose the new increase. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Fee Chart

The board agreed that they will leave the fee chart as is for now.

Eagle Scouts

The local Eagle Scouts would like to use the township hall on March 29, 2014, the board agreed to allow them to use the hall at no cost.

Old Business

Roads

The board currently is discussing a road millage proposal. The board is considering asking the residents if they would consider a 5 mill road millage for up to 10 years, the reasoning behind the proposed millage request is the cost to repair roads and the condition of the roads. The board is designating 1 mill approximately (\$200,000.00) for roads, however when you consider that we are paying approximately \$145,000.00 per mile to repave a current paved road the money is not covering enough to make a dent in our road situation. Then add in the cost to chip seal roads, grade and put gravel on roads, trim the road sides, dust control, the mill that we designating is stretched so thin we are not getting ahead and the County will not help on the local roads that are not considered Class A roads.

Monthly Report

A written Fire Report was submitted, a written Water and Sewer was submitted. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments

Water

Vandenberg reported that we are currently asking all residents at Lake Doster to run their water (drip) until further notice, because we are having a lot of freezing lines in that area. The board will adjust any resident's bill as long as they called the office to report that they were running their water.

Vandenberg reported that the last sewer meeting went well. They also got a tour of the New City Hall.

Open to the Public

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:48 pm. Horton seconded. Motion carried.