

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 3, 2014

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

Also present were approximately 6 guests.

Minutes

Horton motioned to accept the minutes as written. Morehouse seconded. Motioned carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with one amendment under new business, add item #4 Tom Rook (Miss Dig). Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the Chemical balance was \$1,236,925.00, the 5/3 CD was \$37,789.00 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$236,543.00. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public/none

New Business

Appointment of election worker/May 6, 2014

Meert asked the board to appoint Horton, Shannon, Pearson, Nichols and Yaw to work the May 6, 2014 election. Vandenberg motioned to appoint Horton, Shannon, Pearson, Nichols and Yaw. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments

Meert presented the board with budget amendment for the fiscal year 2013/2014 as follows the General Fund \$35,276.64, the following line items were over budget, phones, Ambulance, utilities, fire ground, fire prevention, fire repairs and maintenance, fire fuel and general miscellaneous (Mobile Home

Tax) the previous Treasurer did not pay the taxes to the County in the amount of \$23,525.00, the tax was collected by Gun Plain Township, however was not paid to the County Treasure. Sewer Fund, \$37,372.21 the following line items were over budget, flow treatment \$34,289.29, legal fees, phones and utilities, Water Fund \$10,149.40 the following line items were over budget, Capital Improvement and utilities. Cemetery Fund \$4527.81, the following line items were over budget Sexton Salary and contracted wages. Meert explained that the budgeted funds did not exceed the budgeted amounts, only certain line items were over budget, as a whole the General Fund was left with a positive fund balance of approximately \$198,860.90, the Sewer Fund approximately \$26,245.28, Water Fund approximately \$ 15,141.77 and the Cemetery Fund was the only negative fund with a balance of -\$ 7881.83. Vandenberg motioned to approve the amendments. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes and Pearson yes. Shannon absent.

Ambulance Contract

The new contact amount is \$12,391.00 for 2014/2015. Vandenberg motioned to accept the new three year extension to the Ambulance Agreement, Pearson seconded motion carried.

Tom Rook (Horizons)

Miss Dig requested Rook to become a member and has his own association membership fee, the fee is approximately \$1200.00 a year, this cost may be shared with other municipalities, if so our cost may only be a portion of the \$1200.00, and Rook will inform the board on our portion of the cost. Vandenberg motioned to pay up to \$1200.00. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Road Millage

The township board has been discussing roads over the past months; after this winter the roads in Gun Plain Township are in need of a lot of repairs and maintenance. Due to all the increases in cost to repair roads the township cannot keep up the cost. The board feels we need to take action before the roads are beyond repair. The board has the ability to levy up to five mills without a vote from the residents; however our board has always strongly felt, that it is only fair to the tax payers to ask them if they are willing to vote yes for a road millage. Morehouse motioned to put a road millage request on the August 2014 Primary ballot, the request will be for 2mills for a 10 year period. Kopka seconded. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Shannon.

Monthly Reports

The following written reports were presented, fire, water and sewer and Allegan County Commissioners. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments

Meert stated that she would like to ask the board to consider raising the cemetery sexton salary up to \$30,000.00 a year. Kopka moved to approve \$30,000.00. Vandenberg seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Absent Shannon. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

County Commissioner Don Black updated the board on county activities.

Bill Nelson (former Allegan County Road Commissioner) thanked the board for moving forward with a millage request.

Adjournment

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