

## **Charter Township of Gun Plain**

### **Special Meeting**

**July 22, 2014**

A special meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7 PM the following board members were present Pearson, Horton, Shannon, Morehouse, Vandenberg, Kopka and Meert.

#### **Open to the public/none**

#### **New Business**

##### **Zoning Enforcer**

This item was tabled at the July 10, 2014 meeting. Vandenberg motioned to put the item on the table for discussion. Morehouse second. Motion carried. Vandenberg reported that he met with professional code inspectors to discuss code enforcement. Vandenberg reported that Otsego Township are using professional code inspectors, to enforce their ordinances, they are currently spending approximately \$3000 to \$4000 annually. Vandenberg explained that if a problem is called into the Township he would contact professional code inspectors and they would go out to review the issue and enforce it if necessary.

Vandenberg explained that currently we have approximately \$6875.00 left in the budget until March 31, 2015, if we used \$1875.00 for enforcement, this would leave \$5000.00 for the planning portion of the job.

Pearson motioned to go with professional code inspectors for the enforcement portion of the job spending up to \$1875.00 and have Vandenberg do the Planning and Zoning portion of the job in the amount of \$5000.00. Horton second. All in favor Morehouse, Horton, Pearson, Shannon, Vandenberg and Meert. No Kopka.

Kopka asked Meert to note in the minutes that he would like to see this matter discussed at the regular monthly meeting in August 2014.

##### **Assessing Audit**

The State of Michigan has found that we are deficient in eight areas. Pearson and Vandenberg have submitted a written letter to the State with a time frame to resolve and comply with their findings. Pearson will update the board every six months on the progress.

##### **Sewer Assessment**

Starr Road sewer special assessment district # one.

Vandenberg explained to the board there are certain procedures that we will need to follow to set up and create a new sewer special assessment district. Vandenberg motioned to approve a resolution 2014 – 3. To move forward with a special assessment district for parcel 0308–031–001–00 located along 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. The district is necessary because per our ordinance if public sewer runs within 200 feet of a property line they must hook up. The amount the board agreed to charge for the special assessment was based on the assessment assessed at Gores Addition Project because the sewer line was laid but the

above parcel was not assessed in the original project. At the July 10, 2014 the board agreed to charge \$12650.00 to be assessed over a 15 year period. The tap in fee in the amount of \$2000.00 shall be paid at the time of hookup. Pearson seconded. Morehouse yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

#### **Fire department**

Chief Meert was present to discuss purchasing an air tank bottle filler, currently the fire department must take their air tanks to either Otsego fire department or Martin fire department to have their air tanks refilled which could create a safety issue in the case of a large fire. The air tank filler that they are looking at from five alarm is approximately \$30,000. Pearson motioned to purchase an air bottle tank filler spending up to \$30,000. Horton seconded. Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

#### **Recycling Program**

Ben William informed Vandenberg that we need to charge more for our recycling program, however by law without a vote of the public we cannot exceed \$25.00 per parcel. The board wants to look into others ways for this service.

#### **Water Tower**

Vandenberg reported that the inspection is done on the interior of the water tower, they are recommending that we repaint and do repairs to the inside within two to three years.

#### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.