

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2014

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

Also present was approximately 20 guest.

The pledge was recited.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written for July 10, July 17, 2014 and July 24, 2014. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments, under new business add reappointment of members to the Construction Board of Appeals, under old business item number two sewer assessment remove this item. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2014 and a list of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the general fund balance as of July 31, 2014 was \$961,839.00, the fifth third CD was \$37,745.00 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$236,247.00. Pearson motion to accept the treasurers report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public/none

Public Hearing (Truth and Taxation)

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg reported that a notice of the explanation on the rollback an increase is noticed in the paper, Vandenberg explained that this is really not an increase, he also explained because the Headley rolls back a percentage each year, you must increase the amount rollback in order to keep the taxes at the same rate of 2.5431. Vandenberg motioned to set our millage rate at 2.5431. Pearson seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Set Public Hearing for Tall Grass/Weed Ordinance #157

The board set September 4, 2014 at 7 PM for a Public Hearing on the Tall Grass/Weed Ordinance #157.

The board set September 4, 2014 at 7 PM for a Public Hearing for Special Assessment District.

Reappointment of Construction Board of Appeals

Construction Board of appeals of reappointment of members. Vandenberg motioned to reappoint the following members for an additional two years, ending September 2016. Steve Henderson, Danny Sturman, John Artz, John Schuiteboer and Ryan Lapham. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Lake Doster Water Problem

Currently the Township is experiencing a rusty water problem ranging from light to very heavy rust, depending on the day or time of day. Our water and sewer operator has been trying to resolve the issue for some time, however everything that Rook has tried doesn't seem to work. The following people voice their concerns regarding the ongoing problem with the water. Dan Bird at 24 Eagle Green Court, Diane Abbott at 32 Eagle Green Court, Janet Bird at 24 Eagle Green Court, Carol McBeth at 28 Eagle Green Court and Kevin Blue at 220 Phoenix Court. Tom Rook explained that your water is brought to you through groundwater source, the wells are located in the Midlakes Blvd area and flows in three directions to the water tower. Rook also explained that he does monthly samples and other state samples as required every three years and all EPA requirements are met. Rook also stated that he tests the water five days a week. The Township board had Dixon engineering to inspect our water tower for the integrity and condition of the tower. The report indicates that the tower is not the reason for the rust. Kopka suggested that we put a plan in place to try to once and for all clear up this issue for these residents. 1. Flush the area thoroughly as needed this week. 2. Upon Rook suggestion use a camera to go into the pipe to look for problem areas. 3. If necessary the Township may have to cut the pipe and replace it. Board thanked the residents for being patient while we are trying to work through this problem. The board will communicate our progress to the above residents.

Salary Resolution

Ordinance Enforcer/Planning and Zoning Officer

Pearson motioned to accept the resolution that allows professional code inspectors to handle the enforcement portion, and let Vandenberg do the planning and zoning portion of the job. Horton seconded. Pearson yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes and Kopka no. Motion carried.

Deed from County

Kopka motioned to transfer the deed from Gun Plain Township for parcel 0308-032-026-00 to Edward Leroy Hodgeman of 75 S. 10th Street, Plainwell Mi. 49080, Ronald Jay Hodgeman 1362 M89 Otsego, Mi. 49078 and Rosella M Keyes 3308 East E Ave. Kalamazoo, Mi. Shannon seconded. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Shannon yes and Meert no. Motion carried. Meert stated that she voted no because the Township should not be purchasing property and gifting it, even if it is to correct lines in order to collect more taxes for the township in the future.

Monthly Report

The following written reports were submitted, fire, water/sewer and Allegan County Board of Commissioners. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Morehouse asked if the State of Michigan responded to our letter yet. Vandenberg informed the board that we have not received a response.

Kopka stated that he felted that we had a good meeting with the residents that are experiencing rusty water. He stated the water issue needs to be resolved in a timely matter. Rook reassured the board and residents, that he is taking all measures to correct the problem.

Vandenberg thanked the residents of Gun Plain Township for supporting the road millage.

Open to the public

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.