

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 4, 2014

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

Also present was approximately 6 guest.

The pledge was recited.

**Minutes**

Pearson motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2014 as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Vandenberg stated that under old business we would be adding the school crossing under new business item number four would be chef container update, Matt from chef container is present to do a presentation on the recycling program. Vandenberg added that he would like to move the Lake Doster water problem under old business up to be heard directly after the public hearings. Kopka motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerks report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of August 2014 and a list of the enterprise funds. Horton motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasures report**

Horton reported that the general fund balance as of this August 31, 2014 was \$1,083,633, the fifth third CD was \$37,801.00 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$237,907.00. Vandenberg motion to accept the treasures report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Open the public/none**

**Public Hearing (Amend Tall Grass/Weed Ordinance)**

Vandenberg motioned to close regular session and open the public hearing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. Kopka motioned to approve the additions and changes to Ordinance # 157 Tall Grass/Weed. Morehouse seconded. Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

**Public Hearing (Special Assessment District)**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Shannon seconded motion carried. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and

return to the regular monthly meeting. Meert seconded. Motion carried. This project is located a long Starr Road parcel 0308-031-001-00, the Township board hereby tentatively declares its intention to construct a public sanitary sewer in the area of Starr Road.

The Township board approves the plan for the sanitary sewer as prepared by the Township's engineer and estimate cost for completion there in the amount of \$12,650.00.

That the Township board does hereby create, determined and defined as a special assessment district to be known as Starr Road's Sanitary Sewer Special Assessment District No.1 within which the cost of such improvement shall be assessed according to benefits, the following described area with said Township.

Parcel number 03-08-031-001-00, located along Starr Road.

That the basis for the foregoing, the Township board does hereby direct the Supervisor and Assessing Officer to make a Special Assessment roll, which Shall be entered and described all the parcel of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total to be assessed against each parcel of land, which shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against the parcel of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of the land bears to the total benefit of all the land parcels in the special assessment district. When the same has been completed, the Supervisor or Assessing Officer shall affix thereto his certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this resolution and that making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgment, confirmed in all respects to the direction contained in this resolution and acceptable state status.

That the clerk of the Township shall mail and publish required notices appearing in accordance with Michigan P. A. 188 of 1954, as amended.

That all resolutions in parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of the within resolution are hereby rescinded.

Vandenberg motion to approve Resolution #2014 -5. Horton seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Vandenberg yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

The supervisor declares the motion carried in the resolution duly adopted.

### **Lake Doster Water Problem**

Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering was present to discuss the ongoing water discoloration problem at Lake Doster area. The engineer stated that they meet with our water operator Tom Rook and all steps have been taken by Rook to solve the problem, including flushing system, sending the camera through pipes to check for areas that could be causing the problem so far those areas are all clear. At this point engineers are recommending that the Township board to a more in-depth study of the water system, the cost the study would cost approximately \$8900. Vandenberg motion to approve spending \$8900. Morehouse seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Barry County 911**

Phyllis Fuller Barry County Central dispatch Dir. was present to request permission to install equipment on the tower located in Gun Plain Township on Doster Road, they are hoping that this will improve the radio communications in paging coverage throughout Barry County. Vandenberg explained that the Allegan County Building Authority and Water authority would be the party granting permission upon our recommendation. Vandenberg motioned to approve the concept of Barry a County on the water tower contingent upon Allegan County Commissioner's approval. Pearson seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes.

### **Wellhead**

Vandenberg updated the board and public on the Wellhead project, he reported that the final meeting was held last week and Fleis & Vandenbrink will be sending reports to the board.

### **Appointment Election Workers**

Vandenberg motion to approve the following people to work November 4, 2014 election. McBeth, Jones, Albertson, Yaw, Smalley, Reardon, Pearson, Hamilton, Steele, Harmon, Nicholas, Horton, Fassl, Vandenberg and Stowell. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

### **Chef Container/Matt**

Matt from Chef Container was present to discuss our recycling program and Bulk pickup. Matt reported that currently 69% of the residents complain Township are participating in the program and mentioned to the board ways to continue to fund the program.

### **Starr Road School Crossing**

Vandenberg stated that the county should do a study to see if the crossing should be moved to 11 Street and 102nd or left at Jersey Street and 102<sup>nd</sup>. Plainwell Community School had considered having a bus along 11 Street near Bronson Avenue, however because of the cost that currently is not an option. Vandenberg will update the board when he receives more information regarding this issue.

Vandenberg motion to have the Allegan County Road commission conduct a study to determine where the school Crossing should go and determine whose jurisdiction this area is and request Plainwell Schools put a bus at Bronson and 11th Street to pick up kids from that area. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

### **Monthly Reports**

Deputy Bronson reported on the May and June activity.

Horizon submitted a written report.

Gun Plain Fire Department submitted a written report.

Allegan County Commissioner Black submitted a summarized written report.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the reports as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

### **Comments Township board members**

Kopka thanked Vandenberg for all of his work on the amended sewer contract.

Horton reminded the board members that the audit meeting will be held at 6 PM on October 2, 2014.

Vandenberg reported that Chief Meert, Office Currier and Vandenberg met with the ISO officer to go over the paper work that has been filed with the State of Michigan, the fire department are working to get a better rating for our residents, if everything is approved they could get a lower insurance rate.

**Open to the Public/none**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:28 PM. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.