

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 11, 2015

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

Also present was approximately 16 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to accept the minutes as written for May 7, 2015. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments under new business item #4 set Public Hearing for John Howe, #5 truck bids, old business item #2 road 108th Ave., Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with the listed checks that were written for the month of June 2015 and the enterprise funds. Pearson motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,638,719.00 Raymond James fund balance was \$237,798.00 and Lake Doster account was 122,261.00. Kopka motioned to accept the treasures report as presented. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Roger Austin voice his opinion on 108th Ave. other guests also voiced concerns on the 108th Ave. condition.

Public Hearing: Ordinance #158 (Conflict of Interest)

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for discussion and comments. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Public comments/none

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and return to regular session. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motion to approve Ordinance #158 amending Section VIII Conflict of Interest. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, and Kopka yes. Absent Morehouse. Motion carried.

New Business

Smart Meters (Consumers Energy)

Consumers Energy Rep was present to update the board and public on the new smart meters that they are installing in Gun Plain Township. You can choose to keep your old meter, however there will be a onetime fee of \$69.99 and a monthly fee to physically read the meter.

Fireworks Permit Doster

J & M fireworks display requested a permit for a fireworks display for the Lake Doster Home Association. The permit would be for July 4, 2015 at dusk. Shannon motion to approve the permit. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Water Sales

Water Boy Pool Inc. has requested to purchase water on Doster road from Gun Plain Township, the board's does not wish to move forward with selling water for commercial use.

Set Public Hearing (John Howe)

The board set July 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM for the public hearing.

Truck Bids

Vandenberg reported that most of Trucks that are being auctioned are coming in between \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00 and his limit for purchasing is not that high. Vandenberg requested that the board allow him to bid on one of these vehicles when it becomes available. Meert motioned to authorize Vandenberg to spend up to \$10,000 to purchase a truck for the cemetery. Kopka seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

B 93 Bash

Update only/Vandenberg reported that the bridge in Martin will be open and the B 93 Bash will not allow camping this year.

108th Ave.

The Allegan County road commission issued a letter to Gun Plain Township and Otsego Township pertaining to 108th Ave. from 11 Street West to the blacktop. The letter states.

In May, the MDOT issued a letter for a call for safety program projects for fiscal year 2017. I have attached a copy of the letter. We have discussed submitting the reconstruction of 108th Ave. from 11 Street West 0.85 miles to the existing blacktop road and Otsego Township. This letter is intended to clarify the conditions of the Allegan County road commission submitting the application for said project.

If the ACRC applies for the safety project, we will be required to meet the minimum design requirements established by ASHTO. This project will be a challenge to meet those minimum requirements on the hills, driveway locations, and proximity of several of the houses may make it impractical to comply with the requirements. The road commission cannot justify purchasing house. Relocating residents, and probable condemnation of property. In order to determine if we can meet the ASHTO requirements, we will need to proceed with the design of 110th Ave. Before we commit our limited resources to this design, we need guarantees of your willingness to fund their share of the projects.

The estimate we provided for the reconstruction of 108th Ave. in January 2015 was \$318,481.00. Due to the upturn in the economy, our prices have increased about 20% this year, so we are at the estimated cost of about 380,000.00 for a locally let project. Since this is a federally funded program, if the project is approved, we should add another 25% to that which puts the total at approximately 475,000.00. This project cost is not include paving. Since the road is currently gravel, paving is not an eligible costs. The breakdown of the cost for each Township is as follows Otsego Township 258,300.00 and Gun Plain Township 151,700.00.

As assurance that both townships will participate in this project, I (Allegan County Road Commission) have attached work orders for your approval. If we determine the project is not practical to apply for or if we apply for it and it is not selected by MDOT, the work orders will be considered void.

There is a considerable amount of work required to complete the preliminary design and submit the application for this project. Please act on the request at your next meeting. Please contact me. The questions. Sincerely, Larry Brown Managing director Allegan County Road Commission.

The board like to have a public hearing on this matter at the July 9, 2015 meeting, the board has several concerns that they feel are not addressed in the letter, such as condemnation of homes, relocating residents and purchasing homes. Pearson motion to table the subject until the July 9, 2015 meeting Shannon seconded. Motion carried. The board requested Vandenberg have Larry Brown at our next meeting.

Monthly Reports

The following written reports were submitted, Fire Department, Horizon and water and sewer. Pearson motioned to accept the reports as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:15 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.