

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 5, 2015

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

Also present was approximately 10 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as written for October 3, 2015. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with one addition #6 set budget dates. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of October 2015 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,180,422 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$237,744. Vandenberg motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

David Gernant announced his candidacy as a democrat for the state representative of the 80th district.

New business

West Michigan Wireless

West Michigan wireless was present and presented the board and public possible sites that they are working on in our area to provide wireless Internet to rural areas in Gun Plain Township as well as other rural areas in the County. The board ask Vandenberg to work with West Michigan Wireless to put an antenna on the water tower. Vandenberg will look at the contract with them.

Allegan Conservation District (Justin Burchett)

Mr. Burchett gave a 15 minute overview of what the Allegan County Conservation District does for the residents in Allegan County. Mr. Burchett also ask for a \$500 donation from Gun Plain Township to ensure that the program continues.

Recycling Contract with the Allegan County

Vandenberg reported that the recycling contract comes due this year, Vandenberg explained that we are currently collecting \$25 per household. The board has been discussion regarding a vote of public to increases the rate, The County will let us do a one-year contract for the original \$25 until the board looks at all options to continue to supply the Township residents with the best recycling program we can offer for their money. Morehouse motioned to sign a one-year contract with Allegan County. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Property Exemption Guidelines

Vandenberg motion to approve the 10% increase over federal guidelines as presented by assessor Pearson to the board. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Veterans Memorial

Vandenberg motion to bring this item off the table for discussion. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. The board asked if Bill Geresy post would consider taking over the memorial. They suggested that we contact the VFW or Boy Scouts. Vandenberg and Meert will look into this memorial and report back to the board.

Set Budget dates

The board set Tuesday November 24 at 4 PM for the first budget workshop.

Old Business

108th Avenue

Vandenberg reported that this time there are no new updates.

Monthly Reports/none

Comments Board Members

Kopka stated that if we are looking to purchase a new police cruiser he wants to make sure that is clearly marked and identifiable as Gun Plain Township's vehicle.

Vandenberg reported that we will be hosting our district meeting on January 18, 2016.

Vandenberg reported he learned at the MATS conference that the state of Michigan is changing the sign ordinance therefore are planning commission board will need to look into this matter.

Open to the public.

County Commissioner Don Black submitted a written synopsis and updated the board and public on the activities that they are working on in Allegan County.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.