

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2016

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

Also present was approximately 10 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to approve the minutes as written for March 3, 2016 and March 24, 2016. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following items under new business add flood maps and FEMA grant, appointment of library board members and construction board of appeals members. Under old business add warning siren. After last open to public close session. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of March 2016 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Morehouse motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1, 838,210.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$237,889.00. Pearson motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Ben Jamison 106th Ave. address the board pertaining to a blight citation.

Bill Geresy announced he is running for precinct delegate.

New business

Resolution 2016 – 5 Increase Sewer Rates

Vandenberg reported that the Township is not increasing the rates to sewer, due to the city of Plainwell decided increasing rates by 3.6%. The new rate for Doster is \$71.15 per unit, Gores \$ 44.92 per unit and Airport Plat is \$52.13 per unit. Vandenberg motion to accept resolution 2016–5. Morehouse seconded. Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Absent Shannon. Motion carried.

Resolution 2016 – 6 Increase Water Rates

Lake Doster water rates will stay the same, the areas affected are the areas that are served by the city of Plainwell. Pine Meadow's, Gores Addition and James and Charles. Vandenberg motion to approve resolution 2016 – 6. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Absent Shannon. Motion carried.

Flooding Maps and FEMA Grant

Vandenberg explained to the board and public that FEMA is now in Allegan County conducting 100 year floodplain mapping. If the Township applies for the grant from FEMA it is a 25% matching for the Township. Vandenberg stated that at this time we do not have a plan in place to apply for the grant. Vandenberg stated that he would like to put a committee together for the FEMA flood maps for Gun Plain Township and asked County Commissioner Don black to represent Gun Plain Township as our County Commissioner.

Appointment of Library Board Members

Meert motioned to appoint Lee Klade and Connie Haan to the library board until June 2020. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Appointment of Construction Board of Appeals

Meert motioned to reappoint Steve Henderson, Ryan Lapham, John Artz, Steve Curry and Danny Sturman to serve until September 2018. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

108th Ave.

Allegan County road commission has started purchasing right a way's from some of the residents in the area, however they have not purchased all right of ways needed for the project.

Warning Siren

Vandenberg reported that West Shore checked on the siren that was not working and found the bushings were bad, so they repaired them. The siren did not have to be replaced. Vandenberg asked board what we wanted to do with the balance of the bill that the County owes Gun Plain Township. Meert motioned to pay the bill for the repairs to the siren and put the balance and an account in writing that Gun Plain can use for future repairs or credit toward a new siren. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Water and sewer, assessing, fire Department and zoning. Vandenberg motion to accept the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Close Session

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting to going to close session to discuss real estate purchase. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the close session meeting and return to the regular monthly meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.