

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly meeting**

**August 4, 2016**

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

Also present was approximately 7 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

Kopka motioned to accept the minutes as written for July 7, 2016 and July 19, 2016. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda as amended with the following changes, add under new business item #2 Christmas project, item #3 fireworks permit and item #4 108th off Marsh Road. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerks Report**

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2016 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasures Report**

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,780,255.00 and the Raymond James investment fund was \$238,428.00. Horton also presented the board with a copy of the recent credit card statement. Kopka motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. Meert second. Motion carried.

**Open to the public**

Geresy commented that there were no new updates pertaining to the Plainwell Community Center.

**Public Hearing (Truth and Taxation)**

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. There were no public comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2016 – 9 Tax Millage Rate**

Kopka motioned to approve resolution 2016 – 9. The resolution would leave the millage rate the same as last year 2015/2016 total millage 4.5431, general millage 2.5431 and 2 mills for roads voted by the public. Morehouse seconded. Horton yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Absent Shannon and Pearson.

### **Christmas Project**

The Plainwell Christmas project organization would like to hold a food fundraiser at the Township Hall to help feed families in need during the holidays, they are requesting to use the Township Hall free of charge to host the fundraiser. Vandenberg motioned to allow the organization to use the Township Hall free of charge for their fundraiser. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

### **Fireworks Permit**

The Gun Plain Township fire Department is having their annual summer picnic August 6, 2016, they are requesting a fireworks display permit. Morehouse motion to approve the permit. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

### **108<sup>th</sup> off Marsh Road**

Vandenberg reported that this stretch of road is in very bad shape and is in need of gravel, Vandenberg recommended that we go with a higher grade of gravel for this stretch of road off Marsh Road approximate cost is \$19,000, Vandenberg recommended that we take the funds to pay for it from the general fund. Vandenberg motioned to spend approximately \$19,000 with a higher grade of gravel for this one-mile stretch on 108<sup>th</sup> off Marsh Road. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Pearson and Shannon.

Kopka asked Vandenberg to check with Kalamazoo about the product they use the Trap Rock a smaller rock.

### **Old Business**

#### **108<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Vandenberg reported that there are no updates to report.

### **Warning Sirens**

Vandenberg reported that he should be getting the larger siren installed in the Lake Doster area soon.

### **Fire Department**

The board will be meeting with the fire Department on July 19, 2016 at 7 PM to discuss long-term truck replacement.

### **Monthly Reports**

Deputy Bronson updated the board and public on monthly activities he also reported that the new car should be coming by September 1, 2016 or sooner.

Plainwell water/sewer reports, water and sewer reports from operator Tom Rook and Fire Department reports. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Board Comments**

Vandenberg thanked the election workers for a great job.

**Open to the Public**

Allegan County Commissioner Black submitted a written report and updated the board and public on all Allegan County activities.

**Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.