

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2017

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

Also present was approximately 12 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes (January 5, 2017 and January 17, 2017)

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with one addition under new business item #eight fire Department hire. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing Ordinance #161 (amendment to Gun Plain Charter Township Fire run charge)

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. (No public comments)

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to the regular meeting. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Kopka moved to approve ordinance #161 as presented (Gun Plain Township Fire Run Charge). Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Absent Morehouse. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for ordinance #162. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. (No public comment)

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to the regular meeting. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance #162 (Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance)

Shannon motion to accept ordinance #162 as presented. Horton seconded. Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Absent Morehouse. Motion carried

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of January 2017. Pearson motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/None

Open to the Public

Chris Finch 166 10th St., Plainwell, MI was present and spoke to the board concerning a property located at 159 10th Street. Mr. Finch presented the original special use permit granted to the Property located at 159 10th Street by Gun Plain Township. He stated that they are in violation of many items listed in the special use permit, such as eight-foot fence, the amount of cars to be stored, nothing stored out in front and several other items listed on the special use permit. Vandenberg informed Mr. Finch that he had contacted Professional Code Inspector's on January 16, 2017 to visit this property. Vandenberg will stay in contact with Mr. Finch regarding this matter.

New Business

Recycling

Ben Williams from Resource Recovery ask our board to consider the possibility of adding (Broken Arrow Recycling Center) on South East of Allegan on M 89 in Allegan Michigan. It is a closer proximity for our residents to drop-off appliances, tires and other items that normally would have to be taken to the Hamilton location. Vandenberg thought the project would be a good resource for our residents to access. Meert stated that she would make a motion in favor of supporting this program. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Chef Container would like to amend our current curbside recycling service the term of the contract shall extend to May 31st 2020 reference amendment #3 RFA #92776. The parties agree that the contract prices may be modified to reflect changes in the prevailing market charges for processing recycling; such charges will be negotiated in good faith by both parties. The addition of the following item I.A. iv: current pricing of \$2.65 for all home shall be increased 3% each year on June 1, 2017, June 1, 2018 and June 1, 2019 to help offset increase in wages, insurance, equipment and healthcare.

Pearson motion to approve the recycling amendments. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Absent Morehouse.

Medical Marijuana

A company interested in possibly starting a medical marijuana business was present and gave a small presentation on the pros and cons of medical marijuana. The board directed him to the Planning Commission Board. Currently there is a six-month moratorium on medical marijuana in Gun Plain Charter Township.

Salary Resolutions

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, trustees and trustees with added job duties. All Resolutions are on file with the Clerk's office

Pearson motioned to approve the following resolutions as presented. Horton seconded. Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes and Meert yes. Absent Morehouse.

BSA Training

Vandenberg has requested the board to spend up to \$1940 for training for two days of classes training on site. Kopka motioned to approve the training classes. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Roads

Mowing

Vandenberg informed the board that the Allegan County Road Commission will provide the Township with two mowing's this summer instead of one. Vandenberg feels we still should do three. Vandenberg motioned to approve the 2017 mowing season as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Dust Control

Pearson motioned to accept SWB bid in the amount of \$12,612.00 for the three applications in 2017. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Asphalt

The following roads are scheduled for asphalt Deer Run, Country Club, Midlakes Dam, Gainer, Carrie and 4th Street. 2.46 miles at \$145,000.00 total of approximately \$356,700.00. The board agreed that we would like to use the 4-E1 instead of the 13-A the cost is about \$2.00 more per ton. The board feels it is a better product.

Chip Seal

Miller Road from 10th Street to 6th Street at \$12,000.00 crack sealing \$12,000.00 total of approximately \$65,000.00. The board would like to see the County use trap rock on the projects.

Gravel

110th from 5th to 2nd Street, 103rd Ave. 105th Ave and 107th Ave. approximately \$46,920.00.

Shoulders on 6th Street approximately \$50,000.00. The total cost for all 2017 projects is estimated at \$518,620.00. Kopka motioned to approve the list as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

AED

Kopka motioned to purchase an AED for the Township Hall in the amount of \$1399.00. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution (Eric Zapata Memorial Foundation)

David Moran at 184 108th Ave is requesting the Township Board approve a resolution for a charitable gaming licenses located at 184 108th Ave Plainwell, Mi 49080. Vandenberg motioned to approve the resolution. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Firemen Hire

Chief Meert has requested the board consider hiring Daniel Scott as a Gun Plain Fire fighter. Scott has completed his fire fighter level 1 and 11. Pearson motioned to hire Daniel Scott. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

108th Ave/no new business to report

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson was present and updated the board and public on monthly activities.

Written Water and Sewer reports were submitted.

County Commissioner Black submitted a written report on projects they are working on.

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

Comments Township Board Members

Shannon thanked the public for coming out.

Open to Public/none

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:16 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.