

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

September 7, 2017

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

Also present was approximately 4 guests.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes for August 3, 2017 as written. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with one amendment item # 3 water meter/sewer commercial. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of August 2017 and a list of the enterprise funds. Kopka moved to approve the clerks report as presented. Vandenberg second. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the balance in the general account was \$1,429,089 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$238,945. Pearson motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Janice McCarthy the water shed coordinator was present to present the board and update on the loss of wetlands in Gun Plain Township.

New Business

Public Hearing, Ordinance #166 to Amend Solar Ordinance.

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

No public comments

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Shannon motion to approve ordinance #166. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

First read for request to rezoning the following parcels 08-030-015-00, 08-030-015-20, 08-030-015-30 and 08-030-015-40.

The Planning Commission Board is recommending the Township Board consider the rezoning of the above parcels at the next regular monthly meeting following the first read.

Water Meter/Sewer Commercial Use

Vandenberg explained to the board that instead of using the flat rate for commercial businesses for sewer, we need to implement a usage charge based on meter flow for all commercial businesses, Vandenberg's question to the board pertaining to the purchasing of the meter. Who should pay for the original cost of the startup meter? The board feels that it would be left up to the business that will be using our sewer would be responsible for the cost of the meter.

Old Business

Gun River

Vandenberg reported at this time he has nothing to update on the Gun River clean up between 10th St. and Highway.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson updated the board and public on monthly activities.

City of Plainwell water and sewer report was submitted.

Vandenberg motion to approve all reports as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Kopka thanked Drug and Lab for all they do for the community and asked the board to recognize them for all their generosity.

Vandenberg announced that Broken Arrow (recycling center for appliances, tires and other items) is open for residents. Residents will need to stop into the Township hall to get a card to use this facility.

Vandenberg reported that the County is still looking at software that would allow us access to Register of Deeds.

Open to the Public

County Commissioner Black update the board and public on County actives for the month.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Seconded by Morehouse. Motion carried.