

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 2, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 8 guests were present.

Minutes

Pearson motion to accept the minutes as written for July 9, 2018 and July 12, 2018. Morehouse seconded motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments new business #4 condemnations of two homes 31 4th St and 414 105th Ave. #5 Cemetery, old business #4 road bid to move light Miller and 8th #5 Fireworks. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2018. Pearson motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report/none

Open to the Public

John Nieuwenhuis Miller Road stated that it was his opinion we are wasting money in Gun Plain Township mowing of the ditches and corners intersections three times a year. Supervisor Vandenberg informed him that the County pays for two a year and the Township pays for one to ensure the safety of our residents driving in Gun Plain Township.

New Business

Public Hearing Truth and Taxation

Vandenberg motion to close the public meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. Public Jon Nieuwenhuis asked by raising the millage if it would raise taxes. The board explained that we are not raising the millage the millage will remain the same rate that it has been for the last 30 years with the exception of the two Mills voted for by the residents for roads.

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing and return to the regular monthly meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Pearson motion to increase the tax millage only by the amount that the Hedley rolled it back to remain at the same millage of 4.5431. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Absent Shannon.

Fireworks for 754 Riverview Dr.

An application has been received for a fireworks display from Great Lakes fireworks LLC for August 18, 2018 at approximate 10 PM for a special event. Vandenberg checked with our attorney and under our ordinance's it is allowed. Meert motioned to allow Great Lakes Fireworks LLC to have a permit for a fireworks display on August 18, 2018 at approximately 10 PM for a wedding celebration. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Fees and Charges 2018

Vandenberg stated that there were two changes to our 2018 schedule to cover the cost of our Variance (board of appeals) and Construction (board of appeals) Kopka motioned to approve the changes. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Condemnation of houses located at 31 4th Street and 414 105th Ave.

Vandenberg explained to the board that Professional Code Inspectors have inspected these two homes and have condemned both homes. The owner has the right to pay a \$350 fee to the board of appeals to appeal this process. They have 20 days from the date of receipt of services received from the United States Post Office to appeal this matter.

Cemetery Software

Meert and Vandenberg met with Johnson Anderson Cemetery software to get a price on Cemetery software. The software would help the Township and public moving forward to identify graves and locations in the future. Kopka motioned to purchase the software in the amount of approximately \$14,500.00. Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes and Pearson yes. Absent Shannon. Motion carried.

Old business

Gun River

Vandenberg reported that several local guys helped cleaned up.

Water Doster

Vandenberg reported that the Eagle green area should be finished this fall with the flushing. He stated that the PFAS results are not in yet as soon as the results are in, we will send a letter to the Lake Doster area and also contact them to put it on their Facebook and other websites.

Flooding 110th and Gaider

Vandenberg explained that the Allegan County Drain Commissioner is still looking at this area and the authority she has over this area with water control of the McVean Drain and the placement of the water.

Road bid /move light on Miller and 8th Street

Vandenberg explained to the board that the streetlight located on Miller road and 8th Street intersection needed to be moved the cost would be approximately \$4000. The cost is part of the project to resurface and rebuild 8th Street.

Fireworks

Kopka asked if we could put simple language in the newsletter pertaining to the fireworks being set off on the days before and after the Fourth of July.

Monthly reports

Water and sewer Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Meert thanked the board for purchasing the Cemetery software.

Vandenberg reported that MDOT has fixed the water problem at the house on M 89 near the Cemetery entrance.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Black address the board and public of Allegan County Commissioner projects.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.