

Gun Plain Charter Township

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 6, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 4 PM the following board members were present Meert, Kopka, Morehouse, Vandenberg, Pearson, Horton and Shannon.

The meeting was a teleconference call and all public was welcome.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Two guests were present.

Minutes

Meert presented minutes for March 5, 2020. Shannon motion to approve the minutes as written. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments 4. 31 4th Street, 5. Bulk trash pickup and under old business for 410 Midlakes Blvd. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a check list written for the month of March 2020. Pearson motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general balance was \$2,425,508 and the Raymond James investment fund was \$242,558. Kopka motion to approve the Treasures report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Both guests were asked if they would like to speak. There were no comments.

Ordinance 172 setbacks

Vandenberg reported that this was the second read on ordinance 172 pertaining to setbacks. Vandenberg reported that the Planning Commission approved this and suggested the board also approved this Ordinance. Shannon motion to approve Ordinance 172 setbacks. Horton seconded. Meert yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

Road bids

Vandenberg reported that the bids that the board had discuss for 2020 projects came in at \$507,273.00 Vandenberg stated that he would also like to see us approve \$24,927.94 to finish paving the shoulders on Second Street to the Township line. Allegan County Road Commission recommended Michigan

Paving and Materials. Morehouse motion to approve the road bids received from Michigan Paving and Material through Allegan County and the paving along Second Street. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

COVID-19

Vandenberg informed the board and public that the Planning Commission meeting for April will be cancelled. The regular monthly board meeting would be another teleconference phone call meeting. Vandenberg will post the code on the door for this meeting.

31 4th street

Vandenberg explained to the board that the Allegan County Treasurer is not going to pay the \$10,000 for the demolition on 31 4th street. Vandenberg contacted our attorney and he explained that if we let it go to foreclosure we will have a difficult time purchase it back. However the Township can purchase the property back from the County at this time for 18,971.99 this includes the \$10,000 demolition and back taxes owed on the property it is a 5.5 acre parcel. Vandenberg recommended that the board purchase the property for the 18,971.99 and sell the lot. Shannon motioned to purchase the property located 31 4th Street for \$18,971.99. Horton seconded. Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Bulk trash pickup

The bulk trash pickup was canceled for May and has been rescheduled for July 2020 Vandenberg would like permission to do a mailing to all residents in Gun Plain Township informing them of this cancellation and the reschedule time for July 2020. Meert motion to let Vandenberg handle the recycling rescheduling and notifications. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

410 Midlakes

The owner of the parcels paid for laterals through special assessments however the laterals were not put in, therefore Vandenberg contacted Rico and authorized him to put the lateral in at 410 Midlakes in the amount of \$1925.00.

Monthly reports

Water and Sewer written report was submitted. Vandenberg motion to approve the month report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township board members

Kopka asked about recycling if it is scheduled to go on as usual. Vandenberg said yes it was.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Rick Cain updated the board and public on the Allegan County activities that they are working on.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

