

Gun Plain Charter Township

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 7, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7 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.

Four guest were present.

Minutes

Meert presented the minutes written for April 6, 2020. Morehouse motion to accept the minutes as written. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with one amendment adding under new business item #8 roof. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for April 2020 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Shannon motion to approve the reports as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$2,454,685.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$243,111.00 and the credit card a zero balance. Shannon motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Bill Geresy asked the board for permission to honor the veterans with a simple ceremony at hillside in Woodside on Memorial Day. Morehouse motion to approve this honorary commencement. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

New business

COVID – 19

Vandenberg stated that with Gov. Whitmore new extension until May 28, 2020 he would like permission to cancel the Planning Commission meeting. Vandenberg stated that in order to hold this meeting properly that all board members, guest or project managers would need to review the blueprints and go over the as plans for the property in question, which would not be possible with the 6 feet guidelines of separation for safety. The board agreed with Vandenberg to cancel the meeting.

Elections

With the upcoming August primary the Clerk has requested the board to purchase a large drop-off box. Meert stated that she visited the city of Otsego that recently placed one and she would like to have the permissions the board to purchase and install a box similar. We need to also look into purchasing workplace toolkits to mark the floor on 6 feet separation of individuals and mask and other PPE that will be needed to ensure that our election workers and public are safe.

How to reopen Township office

Vandenberg stated that Julie has looked into hand sanitizing pumps and for social distancing something to mark 6 feet on the floor is people come in to pay their taxes or get ballots for the election Vandenberg, Julie and Meert will continue to look into these items.

Revenue-Sharing

Vandenberg reported that the first quarter he feels will be approximately \$71,000 short in the board agreed that we do not want to cut any programs at this point their fourth we would use our rainy day fund to cover the shortage.

Cemetery

Vandenberg stated that he would like to give Brian Burr a 2% raise. Meert suggested a 3% raise. Morehouse motioned to approve a 3% raise for Brian Burr. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Request to refund water fee

The owner of 1029 North Stoneridge has requested a refund because they will not be building this year due to the pandemic. Horton stated that the city of Plainwell has already reimbursed us their portion. Shannon motion to refund their money. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Gravel bids

Meert motioned to accept the bids from Smith and Sons in the amount of \$35,058.00. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Roof

Vandenberg explained that it we had a lot hail damage to our roofs and the adjusters will be meeting with Vandenberg on Tuesday to assess the damage.

Old business

Water at Doster/nothing to report

Monthly reports

Police report and water and sewer report were submitted. Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Cain updated the board and public on County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Du Berg