

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2023

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

Also present were approximately 10 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as written for January 5, 2023. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments. Old business Planning Commission and Zoning Board of appeal pay rate, New Flooring. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for January 2023. Morehouse motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report/none

Open to the public

Paul Sullivan 417 Midlakes Blvd. would like to speak on behalf of Bob Lee. Robert Bennett 5 43rd St.'s book on behalf of Bob Lee. Dana Albertson 845 Riverview Dr. spoke on behalf of Bob Lee. Lynn Lee 369 Riverview Dr. spoke to the board. Bill Gersey spoke to the board.

County Commissioner Gale Dugan gave an Allegan County activities update to the board and public.

New business

Public Hearing for 2023/2024 budget

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Ron Kopka seconded. Motion carried. There were no public comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and open the regular session. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. Morehouse motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2023 –1 General Appropriations

Meert motioned to accept Resolution 2023-1 General Appropriations. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Appointment Planning Commission Member

Vandenberg motioned to recommend to reappoint Bob Lee for Planning Commission board appointment. Shannon seconded. Morehouse no, Horton no, Meert no, Pearson no, Vandenberg yes, Shannon yes and Kopka yes. Motion failed. Vandenberg motioned to appoint Kelly McHugh. Morehouse seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Planning commission pay for 2023 Kopka motioned to leave it at \$100.00 per meeting. Pearson motioned to give them a \$10 raise or \$110 per meeting for 2023/24. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Second read for 623 11th St. rezone request from C1 to C2, ordinance #179

Shannon motioned to approve the request at 623 11th St. from C1 to C to. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

Closed Session

Meert motioned to go into closed session. Morehouse seconded. Horton yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

The Gun Plain Township Board went into closed session to consult with our Township attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with pending litigation of Vandeboss v Township of Gun Plain, as discussion and open session would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigation position of the Township.

Dust control

Morehouse motion to approve Southwest is control contract. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Traffic counts

Resulted in no change in the speed limits. Updated information only.

Old business

Water Doster

Water towers are up and running properly after alarms were reset.

Moving County offices out to Dumont

Vandenberg reported that our Commissioner Gale Dugan was the only County Commissioner that voted no. We will be updated accordingly.

HSA

Vandenberg motioned to pay the full amount of 5400 for families, and 2700 for single. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly reports

Water and sewer report as presented.

Kopka motioned to approve all the reports as presented. Amber seconded. Motion carried.

Comments board members

Vandenberg reported that I knew state revenue-sharing should get additional \$20,180.

Open to the public/none

Adjournment

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 9:17 PM. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Den Berg