

## **Charter Township of Gun Plain Special Meeting**

**September 9, 2009 7:00 PM**

A special meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg on September 9, 2009. The following board members were present, Morrison, Pearson, Meert, Vandenberg, Moerman, Kopka and Corbin.

The board discussed our water agreement that we currently have with the city of Plainwell, Meert explained that the high water bills from Gores Addition lead to a meeting with Eric Wilson to discuss why the bills were so high. Wilson then informed Vandenberg he had questions regarding our water agreement, tap in fees and ready to serve charges. Corbin asked Vandenberg if the city would be willing to graduate with the ready to serve charges, for instance the first year split the \$6.45 50/50, the second year 75/25, the third year 100%. After much discussion board asked Vandenberg to meet with Wilson again and report back to the board. The board also agreed we would move forward with a water/sewer rate study. Corbin motioned to spend up to \$10,000.00 to conduct the rate study. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. The board decided that if we cannot come to an agreement that satisfies both parties the board will request a special meeting with the City Council board.

### **Fire department (SOG) Standard Operation Guidelines**

The board discussed the new SOG's and some of the sections that needed amendments before adoption. One of the sections addressed alcohol inside the fire building. Our current ordinance state that alcohol is not permitted inside the Township buildings which would include the fire department. Also remove section #4, which addresses the accepting of gifts. After much discussion, Morrison motioned to accept the SOG's prepared by Haan noting that we will amend article #4 and #6 after the study. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Road Repair Lakeview Lane**

The board discussed the bids to repair Lakeview Lane that was cut for sewer repairs. Meert stated that we are waiting for one more bid. Lakeview is a private road, however the residents have suggested they may be interested in paying their share to have the remaining road repaved, Vandenberg will contact them to let them know what their share would be. Pearson motioned to allow Vandenberg to decide which bid to accept not to exceed our portion of \$5000.00. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

### **FOIA Request**

Recently a FOIA request was delivered to the township office requesting that all the ballots from the General Election from November 2009. The person has requested to review and photograph all ballots; we are currently making sure we can legally release the ballots before the 22 month retention as stated by the Federal Government.

VanDenBerg motioned to go into close session to discuss an employee issue. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg motioned to close the close session and return to regular session.