

## **Charter Township of Gun Plain**

### **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**April 7, 2011**

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:00pm, the following board members were present Corbin, Kopka, Moerman, Meert, Vandenberg, Pearson and Morrison.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 20 guests were present.

#### **Minutes**

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes as written for March 3, 2011, March 16, 2011 and March 31, 2011. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg added three items Election workers, Budget Amendments and Cemetery. Corbin motioned to accept the agenda with the amendments. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a detailed list of checks written for the month of March 2011 and a list of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3 checking balance was \$1,061,091.14, CDS were \$37,435.38 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$232,474.79. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Open to the Public**

Christine Vandenberg 979 9<sup>th</sup> Street was present and announced her candidacy for Plainwell School Board.

Kim Schaffer 7521 Rolling Meadows Cooper Michigan, joint recreation board member thanked the township for supporting and contributing to the Joint Recreation program.

#### **New Business**

**Resolution to remove Geese at Lake Doster-2011-4**

Corbin motioned to accept resolution 2001-4 as presented. Moerman seconded. Pearson yes, Morrison yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Kopka yes and Corbin yes. Motion carried.

### **Roads for 2011**

The suggested road work for 2011 will include 3.5 miles of gravel roads, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, and 5th Street and 109<sup>th</sup> Ave. approximately 6.86 miles of chip and seal on township roads and 1 mile chip and sealed the cost to be shared with Cooper Township. The cost approximately \$196,092.00, the board agreed to spend approximately \$25,000.00 out of the general fund. Vandenberg asked the board about 11<sup>th</sup> Street going north into Plainwell, the board asked Vandenberg to contact JBS to see if they would pay part of this project. Vandenberg motioned to approve the list of roads and gravel for 2011. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Mowing for the season is going up for rebidding, the person that received the bid, will not honor the original bid. There forth the County must rebid this job out.

### **Allegran County Planning Commission**

The County recently sent all Townships, Cities and Villages a survey pertaining to the County Planning Commission. Vandenberg read the survey to the board and public. The board requested Vandenberg to fill out the survey on behalf of the township board.

### **Sign for Township Buildings**

The board asked Vandenberg to look into replacing the signs into front the buildings; they are getting old and leaning. Vandenberg came back with bids. The board feels that the signs are very nice but cannot justify spending \$5500.00 to \$6500, 00 on a sign at this time.

### **Election Workers**

Vandenberg motioned to appoint Necole Yaw, Jenann Pearson, Julie Shannon, Missy Server, Marilyn Meert, Brook Pearson and Marty Meert to work the May 3, 2011 election. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

### **Budget Amendments**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the following amendments, Cemetery payroll taxes \$57.00, contracted services \$526.00, Capital outlay \$2349.00, general permit fees \$49902.00, IT support \$300.00 ordinance enforcer \$30.00 and water phones \$1714.00. Total amendments \$7602.00. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Cemetery Scanning and Mapping**

The board is looking into scanning Woodside Cemetery on Miller Road to see if there are any graves that can be used in the future and do the new mapping for the new expansion to the cemetery on M-89. Corbin motioned to go ahead with option 1 and option 3. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Treasurer**

Morrison stated that he got a mail box for residents to drop off their taxes. Kopka stated that you said you would work four days a week and you're not doing that, if you were you would not need a box. Meert stated that she has concerns regarding a box intended for residents to leave their cash in. if someone breaks into the township hall and takes the box you have no way of knowing if someone did or did not put that cash in the box, also if their deposit is short or over you have no way of proving that situation. Pearson asked Morrison if he planned on working three days during summer tax season and he said yes, he was going to keep the same hours as Joan Burnell did for twenty years, which was three days a week. The board voted to not have the drop box put up inside the building. Kopka motioned to not have the box. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Corbin no, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Morrison no. Motion carried. The board received a copy of a bill from Siegfried Crandall for \$500.00 to balance the treasurer tax account; Corbin stated that this should come out of the Treasurer budget.

### **Credit Card Scanning**

The company that will be putting in the credit cards scanning system will be in next week to meet with the office staff. Kopka and Meert stated that they want to make sure that it is well noticed that if a residents uses the method of payment they will be charged an additional 3% from the company providing the service.

### **Monthly Reports**

Sheriff Deputy Joe Bronson was present and updated the board on monthly activities.

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to eight calls for the month of March 2011.

Water/Sewer Tom Rook submitted a written report for March 2011.

Vandenberg motioned to accept all reports as presented. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

### **Board Comments**

Allegan County Master Plan is on the web site

B-93 bash will be at the Martin Drag Way again this June 18 and 19 2011.

Census 2010 report show Gun Plain Township population is up 258 residents or 6%. Our new population is 5895.

The fourth of July fireworks are back on for 2011.

Gun Plain Township Fire Chief has requested the board look at a small piece of land in the back corner of the township buildings to host a training center, the fire department are looking into getting donations

to help them build this center. The board will look at this issue after they have more information from the fire department.

### **Open to the Public**

County Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones updated the board on all Allegan County activities.

Monty Wilson resident questioned the treasurer on his books and if they are balanced, he requested a copy of his records and still has not received them; Morrison stated that he is working on his request and will get the records to him.

### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.