

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**July 7, 2011**

**7:00 PM**

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 16 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written for June 2, 2011, June 9, 2011 and June 20, 2011.

Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg added 4. New Business Sewer rate study and Plainwell rate increase to township and Old Business. Fire Training building. Meert motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments.

Moerman seconded, motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2011 and a list of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to approve the report as presented. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking balance was \$1,023,613.79, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,492.32 and the Raymond James Investment fund was \$233,674.21. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Commissioner Don Black was present and spoke to the public and board.

**New Business**

**Amendment to Future Land Use Plan**

The area along 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave on the south side of the road parcels 03-08-015-00,0308-031-014-00 and 03-08-031-015-10 will change from R-3 to Ag; the remaining area will the same. Vandenberg motioned to accept the changes as recommended by the Planning Commission. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

## **Set Truth and Taxation Hearing**

The board set August 4, 2011 at 7:00 pm for the public hearing for the 2011/2012 Truth and Taxation.

## **Lots at Lake Doster**

The board looked at lots in the Doster area however the Township cannot invest in property for the purpose of resale to make a profit. There forth the board is not interested in the lots.

## **Sewer Study/City of Plainwell Increases Sewer/Water**

Vandenberg reported that the City of Plainwell has increased their rates by the CPI factor of 5.4% for sewer and 3% for water. The New sewer rate for Lake Doster and the Airport Plat area will be \$50.32 and Gores Addition will be \$38.90. The new water rates are \$2.27 per thousand for Gores, James and Pine Meadows. The Doster area supplied by Gun Plain Township will remain at \$1.60 per thousand. Vandenberg motioned to increase water customer's supplies water by the City of Plainwell 3% and sewer 5.4% to cover the cost passed on to the Township from the City of Plainwell. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Kopka stated that he would like a meeting with the engineers that conducted the sewer study.

## **Old Business**

### **Fire Department Training Building**

The fire department would like to move the new training building from the southwest corner of the soccer fields up to the area directly behind the existing fire department. The board agreed with that the area behind the fire buildings is a safer area for the new training building.

### **Library Appointment**

The board put an ad in the paper to fill the vacancy of Dave Prentice, the board had no application, and however Patricia Vance is interested in serving on the board. Vandenberg motioned to appoint Patricia Vance to fill the position. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

## **Monthly Reports**

Deputy Bronson was present and presented a report.

Warnement presented the fire report for June 2011.

Horizon submitted a written report for the water and sewer systems.

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

Corbin asked Vandenberg about the signs in front of the buildings, the board stated at this time they were not going to spend up to \$6500.00 to replace them. Kopka asked if the fire department could

repair the existing signs, Brian Meert stated that the fire department would reinforce the old signs and paint them.

**Open to the Public**

Allegan County Commission Larry (Casey) Jones was present and updated the board and public on County Activities.

**Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.