

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

October 6, 2011

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 6 guests were present.

**Minutes**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the minutes written for September 8, 2011 and September 29, 2011. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes. Move item 5 to 4 and 4 to 5. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of September 2011 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motioned carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison presented the board with ending balances for the following accounts 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking \$1,037,613.70 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD \$37,567.32 and Raymond James Investment Funds \$234,298.18. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to Public/none**

**Public Hearing: Ordinance #152 Cemetery**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and open the regular meeting, Meert seconded. Motion carried. Kopka motioned to adopt text amendment ordinance #152. Morrison seconded. Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

**New Business**

## **Recycling**

Ben Williams was present from Allegan County to present the board with a presentation of the recycling program. Mr. Williams' explained that the fund was running on the verge of being in the red and asked if the board would like to consider raising the surcharge to \$25.00. Vandenberg motioned to raise the surcharge from \$20.00 to \$25.00. The motion failed due to lack of support. The board would like to see where we are next year before raising our resident's taxes. Kopka stated that if we run short and have to kick some money in from the general fund this year we are willing to do that. Next year we will revisit raising the surcharge if needed. Mr. Williams stated that during the winter months the following streets will need to take their bin to a different location to be picked up; the roads are too narrow to get the large trucks in and out in bad weather. The following roads will be affected Trillium Lane, Blarney Land, and Bayview Lane.

## **Ordinance #153 Sewer and Water**

The Planning Commission recommended that the township board following State guidelines for water and sewer hookup where public utility is available. The township currently is set at 1000 feet and they are recommending that we go to 200 feet, which follows State guidelines. Pearson motioned to approve Ordinance #153 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Kopka seconded. Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Morrison yes, Meert yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

## **Security Camera Policy**

Kopka motioned to adopt the Security Camera Policy as presented. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

## **Health Insurance**

Pearson motioned to change our current health plan to a HSA plan beginning January 1, 2012. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

## **General Fund**

Vandenberg motioned to move \$9500.00 from 101170703 to 101170711 and \$35000.00 from general fund reserve. Pearson seconded. Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Sewer Study Fleis and VanDenBrink**

Vandenberg reported and Meert and Vandenberg were almost done with the study the only item left to be done is the spread sheet.

## **Security Cameras**

Vandenberg motioned to accept Lock Masters bid in the amount of \$2983.00 plus \$220.00 for a 16 channels security system. Pearson seconded, motion carried.

### **Cemetery**

Mr. Shumaker is still questioning placing new flag poles at the entrance of Hillside Cemetery. The board still would like him to give us a written report on the law regarding the lighting of flags after dusk.

### **Reports**

Warnement reported that the fire department responded top five calls in September.

Deputy Bronson up dated the board on monthly activities.

Horizon submitted a written report for monthly activities on the water and sewer system.

### **Open to the Public**

Don Black updated the board and public on Allegan County Activities.

### **Adjournment**

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.