

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 1, 2012

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

The pledge was allegiance was recited.

Approximately 10 guests were present.

Minutes

Morrison motioned to accept the minutes for February 2, 2012 and February 7, 2012. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with two additions under new business 1. Red Cross Blood Drive, 2. Paint hall area. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of check written for the month of February 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$1,257,973.29, the 5/3rd CD was \$37,958.63 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$235,469.74. Pearson motioned to accept the report as present. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Kim Shafer thanked the township board for their continuing support and contribution to the joint rec program.

New Business

Fee Chart

Kopka motioned to approve the 2012/2013 fee chart. Moerman seconded. The rate for non resident's cemetery lots will increase \$50.00 and \$25.00 for non resident grave openings. *See attached fee chart for 2012/2013 fee charges.*

Sewer and Water Rates

The township board did a sewer rate study on the three sewer districts, Gores, Air Port Plat and Lake Doster in 2011. The City of Plainwell also increased our rates. The rates for 2012/2013 for the Lake Doster area are \$58.38, Airport Plat is \$50.32 and Gores is \$38.90. Corbin motioned to increase our rates as presented. *Moerman* seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Morrison yes and Meert no. motion carried.

Water Rates

The new water rate Gores, James and Pine Meadows is \$2.30 per thousand. Lake Doster will stay the same at \$1.60 per thousand. All areas will receive the \$1.00 increase on the ready to serve. Corbin motioned approve the increases of 3 cents on water used and \$1.00 increase on the ready to serve. Pearson seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert no, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to wait until the July billing for the new rates. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Fire Truck (Pumper)

The fire chief and officers met with two different companies to get prices to replace the 1978 pumper. Alex's rate was \$409,260.00 and Spencer's rate was \$388,229.00. The approximate wait is eight month to manufacture the new truck. Morrison motioned to go with Spencer's bid of \$388,299.00. Corbin seconded. Kopka yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes, Corbin yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg is currently looking into local banks to finance the truck, PNC, Chemical, 5/3rd. as of today the lowest rate is 2.57% with 5/3rd. Kopka motioned to spend \$200,000.00 from the general fund down on the new truck and finance the balance over a ten year period. Moerman yes, Morrison yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Corbin yes. Motion carried.

Water/Phones

Vandenberg and Meert are still looking into ways to save money on the phone system for the water tower. Corbin suggested we contact Roe Comm.

Red Cross Blood Drive

They are interested in using the hall for blood drives and asked what we would charge. The township board will allow them to use the hall at no cost. Vandenberg will contact the group to let them know that they can use the township hall.

Old Business

Roads

Vandenberg stated that after reviewing Top View and Fairway Court that these roads appear to be in better shape than we thought and motioned to remove the following two roads from the repair list for 2012. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

106th Ave. Dumping

Vandenberg has been in touch with MDOT and the DEQ regarding the dumping along the 106th Ave southwest ramp. The material that MDOT is dumping is coming from the M-222 project, Vandenberg would like the board permission to have the material (dirt) tested at our expense of approximately \$400.00 and have a public hearing with our residents, MDOT and DEQ, to review the results of the testing. The board agreed with the testing, pursuant that MDOT will allow the township the right to sample the dirt. Vandenberg will get back with the board and public regarding this matter as soon as he has more information.

Law Enforcement Meeting March 15, 2012 7:00 P.M.

The township board will have a meeting on March 15, 2012 for anyone wishing to attend.

Cemetery Award

Woodside Cemetery recently received an honor award, Vandenberg was present to receive the award.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to eight calls in the month of February 2012.

Horizon Operation submitted a written report for the month.

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

Board Member Comments

Corbin thanked the fire department for the new signs in front of the buildings.

Vandenberg stated that the Plainwell School Meeting was March 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. at the Art Center.

Oil Drilling on Soccer field the township board agrees that we will not allow drilling.

Vandenberg motioned to deny any access to oil drilling and leasing. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:29pm. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.