

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 12, 2012

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

The Pledge was recited.

Approximately 20 guests were present.

**Minutes**

The minutes for June 7, 2012 and June 13, 2012 was present by Meert. Pearson motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg added three items under new business, Set Public Hearing, Private Roads at Lake Doster, Carpet. Meert motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to approve the clerk's report. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Morrison reported that the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> checking balance was 1,203,276.05, 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CDs was \$37,617.82 and the Raymond James investments fund balance was \$235,475.72. Morrison reported that he is still looking into other facilities for banking and will report back to the board. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the Public**

Ransom Library was present to update the board and public on programs and activities involving the library.

Jill Eastman announced her candidacy for Treasurer.

**Public Hearing: Park and Rec. Plan**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Meert seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comment. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg reported that we had one response that we had one typo that needed correct. Vandenberg motioned to approve the Park and

Rec. Plan. Kopka seconded. Moerman yes, Corbin yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

#### **Appointment of Planning and Library Board Members**

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Jack Kellogg and Diane Webber to the Planning Commission Board for three year terms and Lee Klade and Connie Haan to the Library board for a four year term. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Appointment of Election Workers**

Pearson motioned to appoint the following people to work the August 7, 2012 Primary Election. Harmon, Steele, Smalley, Shannon, Mejeur, McBeth, Holmes, Sherman, Albertson, Nicholas, Vandenberg and Meert. Morrison seconded, motion carried.

#### **Set Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation**

Vandenberg motioned to set August 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm for the public hearing for the truth and taxation. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Private Road in Lake Doster**

Mr. Vogan was present to discuss South Fork Drive; the road is a private road however is in much need of repairs, the residents within the area that share the road are looking into ways to pave the road in the near future, however their concerns were how the township would two different parcels to access South Lake Doster Drive. The board felt it would be up to the Allegan County Road Commission to advise them on this decision. The Road Commission issues all driveway permits.

#### **Carpet Bids**

No Action taken on this item, the board would like the old carpet to stay in place for a few more years.

#### **106<sup>th</sup> Ave Dumping Update**

Vandenberg updated the board and public that we are looking at a possible September date for a hearing and currently MDOT has put up no trespassing signs.

#### **Monthly Reports**

Horizon Water/Sewer, Rook submitted a written report.

Fire Department, Warnement reported that the Fire Department responded to 15 calls in June 2012.

Menzie submitted a written ordinance report.

Deputy Bronson was present and reported on the monthly activities.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Comments Township Board Members**

Corbin announced that a meeting will be held on July 18, 2012 at the Hopkins Middle School at 7:00 pm to discuss Fracking.

Vandenberg reported that because the State of Michigan has passed a new firework policy the township may need to look into setting an ordinance on dates and times that people can use fireworks in Gun Plain Township.

Vandenberg reported that the new recycling program is up to 60% now that are recycling compared to 46% in the past.

Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones updated the board and public on County activities.

Don Black also updated the board and public on County activities.

Gail Dugan announced his candidacy for Allegan County Drain Commissioner.

#### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried,