

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

April 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, Moerman, Meert, Vandenberg and Morrison.

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 11 guests were present.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes for March 1, 2012 and March 15, 2012. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Corbin asked to add item 3. Future land use under new business, Vandenberg added item 4. Cemetery questions and item 5 Bronco Sealing. Kopka motioned to accept the agenda as amended. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of March 2012 and a list of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$1,251,841.08, the 5/3rd CD was \$37,605.03 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$235,489.29. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. Morrison also informed the board that Chemical Bank and PCN would be attending the meeting in May for a presentation.

Open to the Public

Don Black updated the board on Allegan County activities.

Bill Geresy invited the board and public to a Tea Party Rally on Saturday April 14, 2012 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

New Business

Building Bids

The board accepted bids to build a new vault and storage area onto the north of the existing building. The board received five bids ranging from \$80,320.00 to \$131,700.00. Corbin motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$80,320.00 from AMCON to construct the new project. Vandenberg seconded. Corbin yes, Meert yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes and Kopka no.

Budget Amendments

Meert presented the board with a list of amendments for the 2011/2012 budget. There were approximately 25 amendments ranging from .04 cent to \$4787.02. As a whole the budget came under budget for the year. However approximately 25 line items were over. Kopka motioned to approve the amendments. Corbin seconded. Corbin yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Future Land Use Planning

Corbin stated he would like to see the Planning Commission Board move forward with the Land Use Plan, he stated that we need to protect our township and protect our areas from Ag to Residential. The board asked Vandenberg to follow up with the Planning Commission to see where they are on the project.

Cemetery

The board discussed the new cemetery located next to Hillside on M89. The board also discuss Ives located on 8th Street. The board recently had the Woodside on Miller road scanned for open areas to be used for cremations and have about 170 areas for sale at this time in Woodside. Vandenberg would like to scan Ives Cemetery to see how many graves are available; Allie Watkins seems to think there could be approximately 500 graves. The board agreed to spend up to \$3500.00 to scan Ives. Kopka motioned to authorized Vandenberg to spend up to \$3500.00. Corbin seconded. Moerman yes, Meert yes, Morrison yes, Kopka yes, Corbin yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Bronco Sealing

Corbin motioned to spend \$3607.10 to repair the parking lot. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Water Tower/Phones

Vandenberg and Meert have been working on the very high phones systems at the Lake Doster Water Tower and Well house. Vandenberg met with Charter and they can install a new circuit for approximately \$15,000.00, once the new circuit is installed the new phone bill would be about \$100.00 a month. The bill is currently \$550.00 and still rising each year and the existing circuit is very old. Vandenberg and Meert are still looking at other options and will bring more information back to the board.

106th Ave MDOT Project/Dumping

Vandenberg announced that the meeting for this subject will be held on April 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM. This will allow board members and residents to ask questions. MDOT and DEQ will be present at the meeting.

M89 Road Work Update

MDOT has started construction for the year this project will go through November 2012 and start up again in the spring of 2013.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to nine calls in March.

Menzie is currently working on a violation regarding dumping of dead animals.

Horizon submitted a written report.

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:31 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.