

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**June 6, 2013**

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

The pledge was recited.

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

**Minutes**

Meert present the minutes for May 2, 2013 and May 9, 2013. Pearson motioned to accept the minutes as written. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions New Business item 3. Bob Genetski to present an award. 4. Tall Grass Ordinance. Old Business item 2. Police Contract and 3. Landscaping.

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the amendments. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of May 2013 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Vandenberg motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

Horton reported that the General account balance for May 31, 2013 was \$1,053,892.32, the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$ 37,725.73 and the Raymond James Investment fund balance was \$235,905.39. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

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Geresy spoke about D Day and thanked our Veterans.

**New Business**

**Cemetery**

Vandenberg stated that Brian Burr has done a good job this spring and would like to give him a \$2500.00 wage increase beginning June 15, 2013. Meert motioned to approve the \$2500.00 annual raise. Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Horton yes. Absent Moerman. Motion carried.

**Firework Permit**

Kopka motioned to approve the Fireworks Display permits for Kenneth Loew for July 5, 2013, contingent upon proof of documentation of insurance bonding. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Award presentation from State Representative Bob Genetski**

State Representative Bob Genetski was present to present former Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones with an award for years of service as Allegan County Commissioner.

Genetski also presented the board with a Fiscal Year 2013/2014 budget update.

#### **Tall Grass Ordinance**

Vandenberg reported that recently the office has had a lot of complaints regarding tall grass in high residential areas that are not platted or a PUD. Vandenberg asked if the board would be interested in looking into an overlay to the current ordinance for these problem areas. The board would like to have Vandenberg take the matter to the Planning Commission and Enforcer John Menzie for further review.

#### **New Hires to Fire Department**

Chief Meert recommended hiring the following recent fire academy graduates Kris Knapp, Tyler Currier, Kyle Wanamaker and Christopher Vandenberg, (not related to supervisor Vandenberg). Vandenberg motioned to approve Chief Meert's recommendation. Horton seconded. Motion carried. The township only hires Gun Plain Township residents.

#### **Old Business**

##### **Resolution on Meth**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan resolution made on behalf of Townships, Villages and Cities within Allegan County to send to our State Representatives, Congressman and Senators in order to meet a unified front to address this critical issue. Kopka seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Absent Moerman.

##### **Police Contract**

Vandenberg stated that after our meeting with Otsego Township, he contacted Frank Baker regarding our contract and our contact states that our deputy is not supposed to leave the Township area unless the call outside the township is life threatening. Vandenberg stated that he would like someone from Otsego Township or Allegan County to reimburse Gun Plain Township for all the call that we responded to in Otsego Township. Vandenberg stated that he would like to update the wording of the contract. Kopka thinks we need to air with caution, because a deputy always needs to back up each other. Kopka would like a meeting with Baker in the next three or four months.

##### **Landscaping**

The township board requested that the landscaping around the building be replaced and updated this summer, Vandenberg stated that we are having a work session on June 22, 2013 to clean up the area and replace some of the old bushes with new items to freshen up the building. Meert motioned to allow Vandenberg to spend up to \$5,000.00 on the project. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

## **Reports**

Deputy Bronson was present and gave an oral report on activities for the month.

Commissioner Don Black was present and submitted a written report and updated the board and public on Allegan County activities.

Enforcer Menzie submitted a written report.

Horizon submitted a written report on the water/sewer system.

## **Board Member Comments**

Horton and Vandenberg went down to Berrien County to look at the new product being used to turn gravel roads into a paved like road, once this is complete then they chip and seal the road.

Vandenberg reminded the board and public that our first Fracking Meeting is June 19, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

June 21, 2013 9:00 am to 1:00 pm the Local Conference will be held at the Griswold in Allegan.

Vandenberg updated the board on the internet meeting in Richland,

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## **Commissioner Black**

## **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:20 pm. seconded by Morehouse. Motion carried.