

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 6, 2014

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

Also present were approximately 6 guests.

**Minutes**

Motion to approve October 2, 2014 minutes. Kopka motioned, Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes: New Business #4 Drought, #5 Poverty guidelines, #6 ALICE. Old Business #1 moved to beginning of New Business. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerk's Report**

Kopka motioned to accept the clerk's report. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report**

Horton reported that the General Fund balance was \$971,358.00, the 5/3<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,833.00, Lake Doster account was \$122,261.00 and the Raymond James Investment was \$237,803.00.

Kopka motioned to accept the treasures report. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the public: Consumer Engery**

**New business**

**425 Midlakes**

Vandenberg motioned to bring off the table 425 Midlakes, Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Board discussed the drainage problem at 425 Midlakes: Board asked Supervisor VanDenBerg to set up a meeting between the Road Commission, Piepenbrink's, Don Black, and VanDenBerg to discuss the problem.

**Direct Deposit**

VanDenBerg motioned, Shannon seconded. To allow Horton to move payroll from Fith/Third to Chemical and to do direct deposit. Motion carried.

**Firemen's Dinner**

Kopka motion, Shannon seconded. To pay for the firemen's food at the firemen's dinner. Motion carried.

### **Printer Lease**

Kopka motioned, Morehouse seconded. To authorized the Supervisor to enter into a five year contract for a printer lease. Motion carried.

### **Drought Study**

Vandenberg motioned, Horton seconded. To have Prein & Newhof do a drought study for ISO on the Gun River. Motion carried.

### **Poverty Guidelines**

Kopka motioned, Morehouse seconded. To approve the Poverty Guidelines with a 10% increase per family unit. Motion carried.

### **ALICE**

Vandenberg updated the Board on the poverty and working poor in Gun Plain Charter Township. The Township has the lowest percent in Allegan County at 19%.

### **Old Business**

#### **Lake Doster Water Problem**

Vandenberg updated the Board on the status from Fleis & Vandenberg on the water problem.

### **JBS**

Vandenberg motioned, Morehouse seconded. To bring JBS back off the table. Motion carried.

Vandenberg sent letters out to all the taxing jurisdictions letting them know that they can request a hearing to JBS Tax Abatement Amendment to their Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate. No request were received from the taxing units.

Kopka motioned, Vandenberg seconded. To approve the amended amount of \$57,519,038.60 for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for JBS. Roll call: Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes and Vandenberg yes. Absent Meert. Motion carried.

### **Monthly Reports**

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

### **Comments Board Members**

Kopka thanked everyone in the office for getting through the election.

Vandenberg talked about the following:

- Teen Serve
- M40/M89 Road meeting

- MATS
- Leadership meeting at County
- Budget date Nov. 25, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
- Thanked Billy Shannon on the Scarecrow
- MTA Conference
- County Road Report
- Thanks to everyone for turning out for the election, we did 45% turnout

### **Open to the Public**

County Commissioner Don Black updated the board and the public on Allegan County monthly activities.

### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:10. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.