

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly meeting

July 9, 2015

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

Also present was approximately 60 guest.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to accept the minutes as written for June 11, 2015. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes 1. Remove the 108th road discussion that was tabled at the June 11, 2015 meeting and place it back on the agenda for discussion, 2. Ives Cemetery and 3. Appoint Planning Commission board members. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with the list of check written for the June 2015 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Morehouse motioned to approve the clerk's report. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report

Horton reported that the General Fund balance was \$1,603,795.00 the Raymond James balance was \$237,919.00. Vandenberg motioned to approve the report. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/none

Public Hearing: Rhapsody in Green Site Condominium

No public comments

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular monthly meeting. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission recommendation to the board is to approve the Rhapsody in Green Site Condominium request with the conditions placed on the project by the Planning Commission Board.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the Rhapsody in Green Site Condominium with the conditions. Morehouse seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Pearson. **(List of conditions: The entire**

ditch shall be constructed upon sale of the first unit, the drainage ditch may not be altered by homeowners and shall be maintained by the homeowner. Any changes to the Master Deed for Rhapsody in the Green must be approved by the Gun Plain Township Planning and Zoning Commission. If Midlakes is damaged during construction of the ditch the Developer John Howe is responsible for the repair of damage to the road. The Site Condominium is contingent upon approval from the Department of Environmental Quality for the docks. All driveways must have approval from the Allegan County Road Commission.

Aflac

The board agreed to allow the Aflac agent to discuss the product with the fire department and other employees that are interested in purchasing the coverage at their own expense.

Credit Card Policy

Meert motioned to approve the Credit Card Policy. Horton seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Pearson absent.

Public Hearing: 108th Ave.

The board tabled this item at the June 11, 2015 meeting in order to get more information on this project from Allegan County Road Commission and hold a Public Hearing for residents in the community to voice their concerns. Larry Brown informed the board in May 2015 that a Federal grant might be available that would be an 80/20 match. The two township Otsego and Gun Plain would have to agree to fund their 20% if the grant was awarded to Allegan County.

Vandenberg motioned to take the 108th Ave road off the table. Horton seconded. Motioned carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

The following people gave public comment:

Jared Austin read a letter to the board on behalf of Elizabeth and Frank Bystrycki.

Lori Bumgart, Ben White, Mike Bumgart, Lynea Hartig, Jared Austin, Mike Asherman, Darryl Yerrick, Keith Jepsen, Fred Wieber, Anthony Suddon and Robert Cowels.

Residents from Otsego Township and Gun Plain Township spoke on issues pertaining to 108th Ave, they voiced concerns on the safety of the road, gravel currently washing away (due to all the heavy rain), sliding backward on the top of the hill in the winter, buses will not going down road, some voiced concerns that if the road were paved, driver's would go faster, loss of trees and residents yards due to road construction.

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to regular meeting. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Kopka motioned to approve \$152,000.00 of matching funds, if the federal grant is approved, to complete Gun Plain Township portion of 108th Ave. Horton seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Pearson absent. Motion carried.

Ives Cemetery

Meert stated that we had our first funeral at Ives and realize that due to parking issues as well as a Hearse that we need to reconsider full burials in the cemetery, Meert stated that we should honor any grave sites that were sold prior to July 9, 2015 and allow full burials, but moving forward any sites sold will be for cremations only. The board agreed with Meert, moving forward only ashes will be allowed in Ives. Unless your site was purchased before July 9, 2015.

Planning Commission Board Appointment

Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Diane Webber and Jack Kellogg until 2018. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Broad Band

Vandenberg would like permission to put an ad in the paper to form a broad band committee. The board agreed with the request.

Open the Public

Allegan County Commissioner Don Black updated the board on county activities.

Monthly Reports

Vandenberg motioned to approve all reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment