

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular monthly meeting

March 3, 2016

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

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes as written for February 4, 2016. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda approval

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments move recycling from old business to be discussed after open to the public, under new business add road culvert under roads.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for February 2016, and a copy of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,880,485.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$237,712.00 Vandenberg motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Recycling

Ben Williams from Allegan County was present to discuss the Allegan County solid waste management plan. Williams is encouraging townships and cities in Allegan County to put the question on the ballot to raise the current \$25.00 collected on taxes to \$36.00 in order to cover the cost increase of the recycling program. Williams stated that the board has to approve ballot language for the August 2, 2016 Primary election by May 10, 2016 and present it to the Allegan County Clerk's office. Vandenberg motion to approve the language of the proposal without charge clippings to be placed on the August 2, 2016 ballot. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes and Kopka yes. Absent Shannon and Pearson. Then informed the board that currently October 3, 2016 is scheduled for a TV pickup. He stated they also have applied for a tire pickup grant, no word if they will get the grant at this time. Gun Plain Township still allows residents to drop tires off to the Township buildings during business hours.

New business

Warning Siren

Vandenberg reported that warning Siren at the airport is not working. Vandenberg stated that we were quoted \$1100.00 to \$1300.00 just to look at the Siren, this price does not include any repairs that would need to be made to the Siren. Vandenberg has been in touch with emergency manager Scott Corbin, Corbin informed Vandenberg that they had a use rebuilt Siren that we can purchase for \$1600.00. Vandenberg stated that currently emergency management owes Gun Plain Township approximately \$3600 for storing their emergency management van in our fire hall. Corbin would like to know if Gun Plain Township would swap the storage cost for the rebuilt Siren. The board agreed to allow Vandenberg to work out this agreement in order to get a Siren in the area as soon as possible. Vandenberg suggested we start a drop-down fund for sirens, the cost of a new Siren is approximately \$25,000-\$30,000.

Resolution (Asset Test)

Vandenberg motion to accept Resolution #2016 – 2 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Shannon and Pearson.

Fee Chart

The board decided to raise nonresident graves effective May 1, 2016 to \$1300 and decrease document copies to \$.10. Vandenberg motion to approve the changes for 2016. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Dixon Contract

Meert motioned to allow Vandenberg to sign the documents with Dixon Engineering and Inspection Services to go through the proper steps to and you I checked his email yesterday we bids for the water tower updates and repairs. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Road (11th St. between 106th Avenue and Miller Road

Vandenberg reported that we will need to spend an additional \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 to finish up the 11th St. south of 106th Ave. to crack seal this area. Morehouse motioned to approve the \$4000.00 to \$5000.00 costs to finish crack sealing 11th Street. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg reported that the covert on baseline needs to be replaced, the County is estimating the cost will be approximately \$10,000. The board asked Vandenberg to contact Cooper to see if they would help with this project. Kopka motioned to approve the cost of \$10,000 to replace the covert, but not more than 10% increase to the project. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Absent Shannon and Pearson.

Fireworks (Gun Plain)

Horton motioned to approve the contract with Wolverine Fireworks Display. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Fireworks permit (Doster)

Wolverine Fireworks Display submitted a fireworks permit on behalf of the Lake Doster Association for July 3, 2016. Vandenberg motion to approve the permit. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

108th Ave.

Vandenberg reported that there are no new updates.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson was present and updated the board and public on monthly activities, written water and sewer reports, zoning, assessing and fire department reports. Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Kopka thanked Vandenberg for the water report that was recently sent to all water customers.

Vandenberg reminded the board and public of the All County meeting.

Open to the public

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:16 PM. Horton seconded. Motion carried.