

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

May 5, 2016

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

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to approve the minutes as written for April 7, 2016. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Shannon motion to approve the agenda as amended the following items under new business 3. Plainwell days festivals 4. Fire Department, 5. Resolution 2016 –7 and 6. Water tower. Under old business 3. Bike trails. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of April 2016 in a copy of the enterprise funds. Horton motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures Reports

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,799,125.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$238,039.00. Kopka motioned to approve the treasures report as presented Vandenberg seconded motion. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Bob Genetski was present to announce his candidacy for Allegan County Clerk.

New Business

Tracy from Plainwell festivals was present to request use of the soccer fields for a 5K9 walk run to be held on May 21, 2016, she stated that she contacted AYSO and they were okay with this request. The board agreed to the request.

Fire Department

The fire chief and Capt. Maurer were present to present the board with a short/long range future equipment replacement cost. The board will review this report and meet in July 2016 to discuss our options.

Appointment Planning Commission Members

Vandenberg reported that Robert Bennett applied to fill the vacated seat of Steve Curry. Board member Morehouse requested that another board member fill his position until November 2016 due to other obligations. Vandenberg recommended Billy Shannon to fill Morehouse's position. Kopka motioned to appoint Mr. Richard Bennett and Billy Shannon to fill the positions. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Road bid on 4th Street

Allegan County road commission recommended that we accept Michigan Paving estimated bid of \$84,039.50. Kopka motioned to approve Michigan Paving & Materials bid. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Vandenberg reported that 4th Street will be closed for one week beginning May 9 two begin covert work .

Bulk trash discussion

Vandenberg inform the board that on May 18, 2016 he will be attending the meeting to discuss with Chef Container the RFP and issues that we are experiencing for their service.

Resolution 2016 –7 Gun River East and West

This resolution pertains to the ownership and operation of the drinking water system serving Gun River East and Gun River West located at 687 10th St. and 1080 Miller Rd.

Whereas Gun River MHC LLC possesses the ability and willingness to continue effective operation and maintenance of said system and whereas Gun Plain Charter Township recognizes the need for the effective and continued operation and maintenance of said system to protect the public health and whereas Gun Plain Charter Township deems it impractical for the Township to own, operate, and administer this particular drinking water supply.

Now therefore to be resolved that Gun Plain Charter Township refuses to accept ownership of or operation, maintenance, and administrative responsibility for said particular drinking water supply, Gun Plain Charter Township endorses the application of Gun River MHC, LLC to continue their responsibilities under state permit.

Kopka motioned to accept resolution 2016 – 7. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried

Water Tower bids/bid letting

Vandenberg reported that Dixon engineering and inspection services reviewed the bids submitted for the repair and repainting the wet interior of the townships 200,000 gallon elevated tank and recommends awarding to the low bidder, Fedewa, Inc. of Nashville Michigan. Fedewa Inc. bid was \$94,400.00. Vandenberg motion to approve the bid from Fedewa and higher Dixon engineering to inspect the work. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

108th Ave

Update only at this time there is no new business to report.

Warning Sirens

Vandenberg reported that emergency manager Scott Corbin recommended to swap out the siren at Lake Doster which is a larger siren that will cover more area, the County will pay for the swap. Vandenberg asked Coburn if we can use the other siren in another area in Gun Plain Township, Corbin will get back to Vandenberg on this issue.

Bike Trails

DEQ contacted Vandenberg and informed him that they are getting ready to apply for a grant for bike trails. Vandenberg motioned to spend up to \$1000 to help with the grant matching. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly reports

Fire, water and sewer. Shannon motion to approve the reports as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.