

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

June 2, 2016

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

Also present was approximately 6 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes as written. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following changes under new business 2. Cemetery 3. Gravel bid and under old business 3. Bike trail. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of May 2016 due to the timing of the month it enterprise fund was not presented. Kopka motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report/none

Open to the public/none

New Business

Chef Container

Kim Buckley president of chef container was present to discuss the current curbside recycling contract to ask the Gun Plain Township Board to consider adjusting prices prior to the term contract. Mr. Buckley explained that the price reflecting the hauling, processing, and marketing of recycling under the current contract they are in a large deficit due to the fact that Chef Container does not use a landfill, the magnitude of the decline in the commodity markets has had a dramatic impact on the industry margins. The pricing no longer covers the cost of hauling and processing, let alone margin for reinvestment. Mr. Buckley stated that they are asking for a \$.45 per household for 1904 homes increase for the remaining April 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 contract. In order to offset a portion of the revenue lost to recent market declines. The board agreed that the recycling program was very important with in our Township. Kopka motioned to approve resolution-8 2016 submitted by Chef Container RFA#92776. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Shannon yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Absent Pearson and Horton.

Cemetery

Meert explained to the board that as a rule we do not accommodate Sunday burials. However a family has requested a Sunday burial June 5, 2016. Meert told the board that the family is willing to pay all additional overtime that would be paid to the Sexton and his assistant. Vandenberg motion to approve the request. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Roads/gravel bids

Allegan County road commission presented Gun Plain Township with a bid for gravel on 107th, 108th and part of Baseline. Project#6208 from Furnish, Haul and Spread Company, in the amount of \$15,721.50. Vandenberg motioned to accept the recommended bid of Furnish Haul and Spread Company. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

108th Ave.

Vandenberg updated the board to the Allegan County is currently still working on completing the process of signing the right a way's from homeowners.

Warning Siren

Vandenberg is still working with emergency manager Scott Corbin on the possibility of moving sirens.

Bike Trail

Vandenberg reported that West Michigan/DNR are in the process of applying for a grant to work on plans on where the bike trails should and or would go in our area. Vandenberg is recommending we agreed to donate \$500.00 to this program. The board agreed with Vandenberg in authorized the donation.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson was present and updated the board on his activities and the approximate time our new car will arrive.

Water and sewer report and fire Department report.

Vandenberg motion to approve all reports as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Adjournment

Kopka motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.