

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 6, 2017

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

Also present was approximately 6 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written for June 1, 2017. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg added #6 set Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation Hearing. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2017 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented, Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the general fund balance as of June 30, 2017 was \$1,444,543.33 and the Raymond James balance was \$238,915.00. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

State Representative Mary Whiteford was present and spoke to the board and public on bills that the house is currently working on in the House. She also took public comments from the board and public.

Resident ask when 6th Street was going to be paved.

New Business

Rezoning Request 357 6th Street (First Read)

The Planning Commission Board recommendation to the board was to deny the request to rezone parcel 0308-027-015-00 from R-2 to R-1. They stated that rezoning it to R-1 would make it a non-comforting parcel. The board did not take action at the July 6, 2017 meeting because it was the first read, the board will take action on this matter at the next regular monthly meeting.

Resolution 2017-7 (Road Culvert)

Resolution requesting the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) reinstate its: Culvert Policy back to a 50/50 cost share of culvert 36" and greater for the townships in Allegan County.

Kopka motioned to support the resolution. Supported by Pearson. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried. Absent Morehouse.

Contract with County on Pagers/Fire Department

Pearson motioned to approve the contract with the County pertaining to repair and maintenance to the pagers when needed. (The contract does have more language in the contents.) Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Introduce Ordinance #165 (Churches all zones) set Public Hearing

The board set August 3, 2017 for the Public Hearing for Ordinance 165.

Fireworks

The board have received many complaints pertaining to the use of fireworks in the township, residents are not following State law which states that you can use fireworks the day before, the day of and the day after a National holiday. Kopka suggested we send a notice in our next newsletter reminding people of the rules. State Representative Whiteford was present and also stated there are concerns state wide with the problem.

Set Truth and Taxation Hearing

The board set August 3, 2017 for a Public Hearing on the Truth and Taxation Hearing.

Old Business

Miller Road

The board requested a letter from the Allegan County Road Commission in reference to the Crack Seal operation on Miller Road from 10th Street to 6th Street. The letter states that if the road fails it would be redone at no cost to the Township. (Areas of the road were not properly blown out before sealing the cracks).

Monthly Reports

Water/Sewer, Deputy Bronson's report. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Board Members

Vandenberg reminded board of the August 2, 2017 6:30 pm meeting with the Sheriff Department pertaining to a possible millage request.

Open to Public

Commissioner Black updated the board and public on County activates.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:31 pm. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.