

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 12, 2018

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 10 guest were present.

Minutes Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written for June 7, 2018, June 26, 2018 and July 9, 2018. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments under new business item #7 bids to prepare Blarney Lane #8 gravel bids #9 new hire fire Department and under old business #4 Gainder. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2018. Kopka motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Pearson seconded.

Treasure's Report

Horton reported that the General Fund balance was \$1,928,935.00 the Raymond James Investment balance was \$238,945.00. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Don Wickstra announced his candidacy for State Senate. Rick Cain was present and announced his candidacy for Allegan County Commissioner.

New Business

Judge Baillargeon provided the board with a copy of the state of court reports and updated the board and public on projects and programs that the County is currently implementing he also announced his candidacy for judgeship.

Ordinance #167 Civil Infractions

Vandenberg motion to approve civil infraction ordinance number 167. Pearson seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Bike trail representative

Vandenberg motion to appoint Ron Kopka as our representative. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Set Public Hearing for Truth and Taxation

Vandenberg motion to set August 2, 2018 at 7 PM for the truth and taxation hearing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-5 to Increase Tax Millage Rate

Pearson motion to approve resolution 2018-5 to increase tax millage rate. Shannon seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2018-6 sewer rate for airport commercial

Morehouse motion to approve resolution 2018-6 to set sewer rates for the airport area commercial. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Bids to repair Blarney Lane

Vandenberg motion to resend the bid accepted for SWT and approve the bid for \$11,100 from Cripps Fontaine Excavating. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Gravel Bids

Vandenberg motion to not accept the bids as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. The board would like to rebid the job.

Fire Department Hire

Pearson motioned to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief to hire Paul Matusiak and Charles Winkler. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Resource Office

Plainwell Community School have set aside \$75,000.00 to hire a safety officer, they are working with Plainwell Public Safety and have visited Cooper Township and Gun Plain Township to seek funding to help offset the cost to hire a safety officer for the Plainwell School System. Supervisor Vandenberg spoke to our attorney and stated that our attorney advised the board that unless we would benefits from this officer we could not allocate funds, Meert ask how keeping our tax payers children safe would not be considers receiving help. Morehouse stated that he felt it was a good idea to help with this project. Meert motioned to spend \$10,000.00 a year to help with the officer. Pearson seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Motion carried. Vandenberg stated that he will contact our attorney and Plainwell Public Safety to try to work out the details on what we can and cannot do.

Gun River Cleanup

Vandenberg announced that July 15, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the Conversation Club for anyone wishing to help out with this project.

Water at Lake Doster

Vandenberg reported that the board met on July 9, 2018 with Lake Doster residents to discuss Iron problems in some areas at Lake Doster, the board will continue to work with these residents to resolve the problems.

Gainger

The board met with residents on June 26, 2018 to listen to concerns of flooding in this area. Also present to discuss their concerns was the Allegan County Drain Commission and Allegan County Road Commission. (See June 26, 2018 minutes) the board has set another meeting with the residents in September 2018 the residents will be notified of the date and time.

Monthly Reports

Water/sewer, Allegan County Commissioner and Deputy Bronson written reports were submitted. Vandenberg motioned to accept the reports as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Meert seconded. Motion carried.