

Gun Plain Charter Township

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 2, 2020

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 4 guest were present.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to approve the minutes as written for December 5, 2019. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with the following amendments #5 legal opinion #6 RFP recycling and bulk trash. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for December 2019. Morehouse motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton presented the board with a quarterly income statement. Vandenberg motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Don Black spoke to the board and public.

New business

Public Hearing on Budget 2020/2021

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried. The board discussed the budget and open the floor for comments and questions. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to the regular meeting. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. Morehouse motion to approve a 2020 – 2021 budget as presented. Shannon seconded. Meert yes. Shannon yes. Pearson yes. Horton yes. Vandenberg yes. Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-1 General Appropriation

Kopka moved to approve 2020-1 General Fund Budget and General Appropriation Act for fiscal year 2020-2021. Shannon seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-2 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

Shannon motion to approve resolution 2020-2. Morehouse seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

Appointment to Planning Commission and ZBA

Vandenberg recommended that we appoint Lynn Lee, Robert Bennett to the planning commission for three-year terms ending in 2023 and appoint Tim Oosting, Robert Busk and Monty Wilson to the ZBA also to appoint JD Chamberlain as an alternate to this ZBA. Meert motion to approve Vandenberg's recommendation. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Bulk trash and recycling RFP contract

Vandenberg was given permission from the board to send the RFP out with the County. Pearson motion to allow Vandenberg to move forward with the RFP. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

Water at Doster/no problems to report at this time.

Monthly reports

A written fire Department yearly activity was submitted, written water and sewer report and yearly building permits. Meert motion to approve the reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township board members

Vandenberg reported that the annual road meeting was January 7 at 7 PM at the Allegan County road commission building.

Open to the public/none

Legal opinion

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and go into close session to discuss a legal issue. Morehouse seconded. Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motion to close the close hearing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Pearson motioned to authorize supervisor Vandenberg to negotiate a settlement at 265 Golfview Drive Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Der Berg