

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 7, 2021

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 3 guests were present.

Minutes

Horton motion to approve the minutes as written for November 25, 2020 December 3, 2020 and December 21, 2020. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda as amended under new business item 4 roads. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of December 2020 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Pearson motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$2,255,987 and the Raymond James fund balance was \$244,178. Horton reported that there was no credit card activity to report for the month of December 2020. Pearson motion to approve the treasures report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Scott Beltman 3110 130th spoke on the pursuant of an ORV ordinance in Allegan County. They are currently trying to persuade the Allegan County Board of Commission to review and pass.

Allegan County Commissioner Rick Cain spoke briefly regarding the ORV ordinance

New Business

Public Hearing for budget 2021 – 2022

Vandenberg motion to close the regular monthly meeting and open the public hearing to hear any questions or concerns pertaining to the budget 2021 – 2022. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

There were no questions or discussion from the public.

Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to the regular monthly meeting. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Horton motion to approve the 2021 – 2022 budget as presented. Kopka seconded. Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Kopka yes. Absent Morehouse and Shannon.

Resolution #2021-1 General appropriations for 2021 – 2022

Meert motion to approve resolution 2021-1 adopting the general appropriation for 2021 – 2022. Pearson seconded. Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes and Meert yes. Absent Morehouse and Shannon.

425 agreement with the City of Plainwell

Vandenberg explained to the board that the city of Plainwell is requesting a 50 year 425 agreement with Gun Plain Charter Township and an additional 50 years extension for a total of 100 years after that. The land would revert to the City of Plainwell after 100 years. Kopka motioned to requested supervisor Vandenberg to work with City Manager Eric Wilson to come up with an agreement that would be acceptable to our board. Vandenberg will bring the terms back to the board for approval. Seconded by Pearson. Meert requested to abstain from any and all voting and discussion on this issue.

Roads

Vandenberg attended the Allegan County road meeting and suggested that we set a meeting for January 19 on January 26. Vandenberg feels it is very important that the board meet in person in order to review all the maps and review the road's conditions. Vandenberg will let board not if the board will be able to meet in person on either of those dates suggested.

Old business

Covid 19

Vandenberg reported that the office is still close to the public but open by appointment only. The Taxes can be dropped off in the drop box and a receipt will be mailed immediately. If a resident has cash only the Treasurer will meet them at the lobby and take the cash and give them a receipt.

Water at Doster

Vandenberg reported that there had been no issues. Vandenberg reported that one of our phosphate pumps went out and we will need to spend \$1100 to replace it.

Open to the Public

None

Adjournment

Meert motioned to adjourn at 7:41 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

