

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Special Meeting**

**September 22, 2010**

**Flooding on 110<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

A special meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg to discuss the flooding problems in the area of 110<sup>th</sup> Ave and Gainder Subdivision. Present was Meert, Vandenberg, Moerman, Morrison, Corbin and Kopka.

Also present was approximately 70 guests.

Vandenberg stated that we have come up with four options and are looking for input and more ideas and comments on possible ways to resolve this flooding issue.

1. Local project which consist of a study of the local area of flooding near 110<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Street, the townships portion of the study would be \$4000.00.
2. More in depth study of the whole area of the McVean drain, which would include parts of the Martin Township; this project would cost the township \$12500.00.
3. Do nothing at this point, because of all the heavy rains we incurred in short period of time, that may have caused the flooding.
4. Look into FEMA grants that would be a match of 25% with the township.

The following residents spoke with concerns and or commented on the issue of the flooding, possible cost of an assessment and other concerns.

Marie Young Knight

Blair Bates

Paul Smith

Brad Pyne

Diana Morrison

John Stevens

Ruth Jaynes

Dan Sturman

Danny Sturman Jr.

Kathy Lull

Marcia Holden

Bob Cross

Arlene Krause

Robert Sarro

John Bush

Hollan

Bill Nelson from the Allegan County Road Commission stated that some residents' feel the 110<sup>th</sup> road construction project contributed to the flooding; he stated that in his opinion this is not the cause of the flooding. The water is now going under the road instead of over the road.

Becky Rininger Allegan County Drain Commissioner explained to the residents the way a petition could be filed by five residents, at this point Becky would appoint three people (non residents of Gun Plain Township) to serve on the board of determination of necessity, if that board determines the need, then the Drain Commissioner would move forward with the notice of assessment. The only way for this process to possibly stop would be for the residents to petition the courts.

The board feels we need to gather more information from engineers and other professionals that would be helpful in solving this problem; the board will have another meeting with the residents of the area as well as any other public that wish to attend.

Kopka motioned to adjourn at 9:10 pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.