

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 4, 2010

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

Also present was approximately 16 guests.

Minutes

Vandenberg motioned to accept the minutes as written. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Under old business Corbin requested to add personnel issue.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the agenda with one change. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of October 2010 and a copy of the enterprise funds. Kopka motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking balance was \$614,734.66, the 5/3rd CDS was \$37,435.24 and the Raymond James Investments was \$231,965.14. Corbin motioned to accept the report as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

None

New Business

Firemen's Dinner

Kopka motioned to spend up to \$22.50 per firemen for their holiday dinner and to thank them for their hard work throughout the year. Corbin seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Road Mowing for 2009

Vandenberg stated that he contacted Bill Nelson regarding the bills for 7/13/2009 and 9/2/2009, the board voiced their discontent with the job that they performed during the 2009 mowing season, the road commission agreed to cut the bill by 30%, however the board didn't agree with that amount because the work was so poor, Kopka asked Vandenberg to contact Nelson and see what recommendations he has to settle this bill.

Joint Recreation Agreement

Vandenberg reported that a new contract needed to be signed by Gun Plain Township, because the City of Plainwell did not go forward with their portion in the original agreement they have been removed from the agreement, a new agreement has been drafted and needs to be signed by Gun Plain Township.

Vandenberg stated that he would like to invite Cooper Township to come in and sit in on some of the Joint Recreation Committee meetings. The board agreed this would be a good idea.

Vandenberg motioned to adopt the revised Joint Recreation contract with Plainwell Community Schools. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Hardship Guidelines

The assessors took the federal poverty guidelines for 2011 and added 10%; she also informed the board that anyone requesting a poverty exemption must file income tax form for 2010 to qualify. Vandenberg motioned to accept the guidelines as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried. **SEE ATTACHED SHEET OF GUIDELINES**

Old Business

Personnel Issue

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular monthly meeting and go into close session. Kopka seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Morrison yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the close session and return to the regular meeting.

Personnel Issue 2

Vandenberg informed Cathy Morrison on Wednesday November 3, 2010 that she was on the agenda, she did not attend the meeting therefore the board did not go into closed session to discuss this matter.

Kopka motioned to terminated Cathy Morrison, for various reasons, including the fact the board requested her to meet with board members Corbin, Kopka and Moerman and she refused to meet with them. Moerman seconded. Vandenberg informed Rick Morrison that a point of order needed to be acted on before the board could act on Kopka's motion. Vandenberg motioned to have Rick Morrison abstain from voting. Corbin seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Meert yes. Motion carried. The Board voted on Kopka's motion to terminate Cathy Morrison. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson no, Meert yes and Morrison abstained. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Water/Sewer Reports were a written report submitted by Tom Rook.

Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Gun Plain Township's Park and Recreation board had their first meeting; the next scheduled meeting is December 22, 2010.

Planning Commission Board asked Menzie to send a letter to Andy regarding his lawn business; the Planning Commission has set a public hearing to find an area that a Lawn Care and Snow Plowing business fits.

Annual audit meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Open to the public

None

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.