

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 4, 2011

7:00 pm

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 8 guests were present.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes for July 7, 2011 and August 1, 2011 as written. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions 5.Tax Collection. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of check for the month of July 2011 and a copy of the enterprise fund. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Morrison seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported that the 5/3rd checking account balance was \$1,046,443.08, 5/3rd CD was \$37,492.32 and Raymond James Investment was \$233,674.21. Pearson motioned to accept the report as presented. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for the 2011/2012 Truth and Taxation. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Vandenberg reported that the roll back was .0059 mills, in order to remain the same the board would need to increase the rate by the roll factor of .0059. There was no public comment. Vandenberg motioned to close the hearing and open the regular meeting. Corbin seconded. Morrison motioned to accept the increase to keep the roll back from decreasing our maximum millage from rolling back. Pearson seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes and Morrison yes. Motion carried.

Meert stated that the millage to be levied 1.5431 has remained the same for the last 24 years; the voted road millage of 1.00 mills has been the only increase to the millage rate.

Old Business

The board was updated on the sewer study by Fleis and VanDenBrink. The board had some concerns with the increases to our customers over the next five years that Fleis and VanDenBrink has recommended. The board will meet and continue to discuss options and other ways to help keep our residents if possible from paying sewer bills that could possibly double in cost.

New Business

Rezone 102nd (Starr Rd)

Corbin motioned to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission as presented to rezone parcel 0308-031-014-00 from R-3 back to AG. Kopka seconded. Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes, Morrison yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Text Amendments to Ordinances 151

Corbin motioned to accept the Planning Commission recommendation as presented to amend text ordinances #151. Kopka seconded, Corbin yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Morrison yes, Pearson yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

The change would allow Uses permitted by Special Use Permit Approval D to read as follows: D Automobile repair garages, auto body repair, and undercoating shops when all operations take place within a completely enclosed building. A maximum of four (4) vehicles scheduled to be worked on shall be permitted for overnight, onsite, outdoor storage.

AT&T Metro Act Right of Way

Vandenberg motioned to accept the extension of the right of way act. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Intergovernmental Fire Protection Mutual Aid Agreement (Prairieville)

Corbin motioned to accept the agreement as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Tax Collection

Kopka stated that he would like to address the fact that Treasurer Morrison has set scheduled dates to work and was absent and his deputy was not here to cover for him and as a result residents complain. Morrison stated that he had an emergency come up.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson was present and reported on monthly activities.

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to six calls in July 2011.

Horizon submitted a written report for the month.

Corbin motioned to accept the reports as presented. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Board Comments

Vandenberg has a request from a group that would like permission to come into our Woodside Cemetery on Miller Road and try to contact the dead. The board disapproves of this and would like Vandenberg to send them a letter letting them know we will not allow them to do this in our Cemeteries.

Allegan County Law Enforcement meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2011 at 5:30 pm.

Open to the Public

Larry Casey) Jones updated the board and public on Allegan County Activities.

Don Black also spoke on Allegan County Activities.

Adjournment

Corbin motioned to adjourn at 8:17 pm. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.