

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 3, 2011

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 8 guests were present.

Minutes

Corbin motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with on addition to new business item #3 Fire Department dinners. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of October 2011 and a list of the enterprise fund. Corbin motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Morrison reported the 5/3rd checking balance was \$939,690.36, 5/3rd CD was \$37,573.69 and the Raymond James Investments were \$234,347.67. Vandenberg motioned to accept the report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Susan Wakefield was present to address the letter of rejection to Vandenberg. Vandenberg informed her we would be discussing this issue under new business.

New Business

Health Insurance

Vandenberg explained under Senate Bill Number 7 we need to opt out of the Health Benefits Hard Cap.

Vandenberg motioned to opt out of the Health Benefits Hard Cap, because we no longer receive statutory revenue sharing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Plainwell Schools Dynamic Plan

Vandenberg applied to the Plainwell School Dynamic plan to serve on behalf of the Gun Plain Township board. The school was accepting fifty people in the community to participate in the Dynamic Plan. The school had 56 people apply and accept 55 and denied one. The one person denied was Vandenberg. The board asked Mrs. Wakefield why they would deny one person and ask if she understood that this should be a time that the entire community should work together as a whole and not deny one person because his wife is a school board member, as noted in the letter to Vandenberg. Kopka asked if the school board would reconsider letting Vandenberg attend these planning sessions. School board member Kevin Blue stated that the board would be looking at this issue at their next meeting. Kopka thanked Mr. Blue.

The board asked Vandenberg to draft a letter to the school board to see if they would reconsider the decision.

Fire Department Christmas Dinner

Kopka motioned to pay up to \$25.00 per firemen for their Christmas Dinner. Corbin seconded. Motion carried. Kopka and Corbin thanked the firemen for their hard work throughout the year.

Old Business/none

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that they responded to five calls in October 2011.

Horizons submitted a written report.

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

Board Member Comments

Vandenberg updated the board on the M-40 project and also the new rest area that will be coming into Gun Plain Township in the next year or two.

Vandenberg stated that MDOT will place the 106th interchange back on the ten year plan.

The board set a meeting for November 15, 2011 at 4:30 pm. for a budget workshop.

Vandenberg explained to the board about the new Capital Improvements budgets will now need to go before the Planning Commission for recommendation before coming to the Township Board.

Open to the Public

Commissioner Larry (Casey) Jones updated the board on Allegan County activities.

Monty Wilson stated that the school was being unfair deny only one person.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:14pm. Meert seconded. Motion carried.