

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Special Meeting

March 15, 2012

A special board meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 4:00 P.M. the following board members were present Moerman, Corbin, Meert, Morrison, Vandenberg, Kopka, Pearson and Moerman.

Approximately 45 guests were present.

Renewal of Horizon's Contract

Rook submitted a new contract for the water and sewer system with a 1% increase. Kopka motioned to approve the new contract with the 1% increase. Corbin seconded. Motion carried.

Recycling Contract

Vandenberg reported that we received three contract bids from the following companies Best Way, Republic and Chef. Chef Waste Management came back with the best bid; Chef is in Holland Michigan, in Allegan County. The bid for the new contract is for five years. Vandenberg recommended Chef, Vandenberg and Allegan County Recycling director Ben Williams will take a tour of the facility. Vandenberg recommended that the board increase the recycling cost from \$20.00 to \$25.00 for the upcoming tax year and recommended removing one of the five scheduled large trash pickup for 2013, in order to cover our expense to upgrade to the large recycling roll off trash bins. Kopka motioned to approve Chef, contingent upon approval of the facility and good references from other municipalities that have done business with them. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

106th Ave Dumping

Many residents were present with concerns of what MDOT is dumping along 131 southwest corridors. Residents are concerned about the future safety of their water. Vandenberg has been in contact many times with MDOT and the DEQ regarding this issue. The board would like to use our engineers to take samples of what is being dumped in this area. Many residents voiced their concerns on this problem and would like some answers to ease their worries that what is being dumped is safe.

The township board recommendation is to have a public meeting with MDOT to discuss the soils that they are dumping. The board asked Vandenberg to contact the EPA, MDOT, DEQ and the Allegan County Health Department to come together and hold a special meeting in late April. This will allow the township board and township residents to ask questions regarding the safety of what is be dumped along 131.

Corbin suggested that the resident in this area have their water tested now in order to have a base line of their current water quality.

Kopka ask that Representative Bob Genetski also attend the meeting.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 5:10 pm. Seconded by Moerman. Motion carried.

Special Meeting

Law Enforcement

7:00 P.M.

A special meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:05 P.M. the following board members were present, Meert, Corbin, Moerman, Pearson, Morrison, Vandenberg and Kopka. Also present was Allegan County Sherriff Department and Michigan State Police, Members from the City of Plainwell, City of Otsego, Otsego Township, Martin Township, Plainwell Community School Board and other residents.

The Gun Plain Township board hosted a special meeting to discuss over all Allegan County Law Enforcement cuts and way to fund our police protection for the residents in Allegan County. Currently Allegan County Sherriff Department is down to 22 officers to cover the entire County which is over 900 miles of roads. The county is set up into sections; currently we have five sections and one patrol car in each section. There are a few Townships that still have their own contracted deputy; Gun Plain Township is one of the townships that still contract with the county. Other Townships, due to funding, can no longer afford to contract their own deputies, leaving areas unprotected and respond time to an incident on average of 35 minutes.

The many members present agreed to set up a committee to come together to look into ways to fund more police protection in order to make our communities safe.

Adjournment

9:47 P.M.