

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

March 7, 2013

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

The pledge was recited.

Approximately 6 guests were present.

Minutes

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes written for January 30, 2013, February 7, 2013 February 26, 2013 and March 5, 2013. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg reported that two item needed to be added under New Business item 5. Auditors Contract 6. Horizon's Contract. Pearson motioned to approve the agenda with the two additions. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of February and a copy of the enterprise funds. Pearson motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the 5/3rd checking balance as of February 28, 2013 was 1,040,015.13, 5/3rd CD was \$37,675.43 and the Raymond James Investment Fund balance was \$236,556.63. Horton also reported that she is still in contact with the 5/3rd, Chemical Bank and the local Credit Union to compare services fees. Kopka motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

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New Business

Fee Chart

Pearson motioned to approve the fee chart for 2013/2014 as amended. Horton seconded. Motion carried. *See attached or view on line fee chart @gunplain.org.*

Sewer

A resolution approving an increase in sewer rates as presented:

Whereas, the Charter Township of Gun Plain is updating its sewer rates to reasonably reflect the Township's cost to provide these services to the residents of the township.

Therefore, the Township adopts the sewer rates as follows:

Doster \$64.53

Gores \$40.73

The sewer rates will start July 2013. Pearson motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-3 as presented. Moerman seconded. Kopka yes, Moerman yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Meert yes. motion carried. Absent Morehouse.

Water

A resolution approving an increase in water rates as presented:

Whereas, the Charter Township of Gun Plain is updating its water rates to reasonably reflect the Township's cost to provide these services to the residents of the township.

Therefore, the Township adopts the water rates as follows:

Doster \$1.70 per thousand gallons.

The other areas in the township are currently served by the City of Plainwell, and their rate is \$2.30 per thousand. Kopka motioned to adopt Resolution 2013-4 as presented. Horton seconded. Moerman yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried. Morehouse absent.

Allegan County Road Commission Resolution

Vandenberg motioned to support the Allegan County Road Commission Resolution that would support the additional road funding from the State of Michigan. Moerman seconded. Motion carried. *A copy of the resolution is available at the township hall.*

Auditors

Vandenberg reported that the engagement letter for the upcoming audit was \$14,000, Vandenberg spoke to our auditor and they are willing to decrease this price to \$11,000.00, however after getting other bids, the township has received another bid from Gabridge and Co firm for \$7,000.00 for the first year, \$7,200.00 2nd year and \$7,400.00 for the 3rd year. Kopka stated that the current auditors have done a good job for the township for the past ten years, however saving tax payers dollars over \$20,000.00 over a three year period is a huge savings. Kopka motioned to have Vandenberg check on the credentials of the new company and if they come highly recommended then move forward with the new firm. Moerman seconded. Motion carried.

Horizon's Operation Contract

Tom Rook has asked for a \$5.50 per month increase in his contract. Vandenberg stated that Rook is not really asking for an increase he is just rounding up to an even number. Kopka moved to support the new contract. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Joint Recreation

The township board and the Ad Hoc Committee met on February 26, to discuss questions that the township board has with the budget and remaining funds that they feel should be left in the budget as carryover. Plainwell presented the township with a copy of the budget from 2009-2012. According to the expenditures there should be approximately \$12,623.00 left in the account, the township wanted to see that money designated to an equipment line. However, at the meeting Wakefield stated that they would allow us \$4377.00, to place in the equipment line. Vandenberg stated that our board wants to know how they came up with that number and what the other monies are paying for. Vandenberg stated that we have a duty to our tax payers to know why we are not getting the \$12,623.00 and where or how the difference in the two numbers was spent. Wakefield explained that the fund is always the red and the school always pays the difference.

The board needs to make a decision before the March 15, 2013 deadline to stay in the program or pull out. Gun Plain Township feels it is very important to stay in the program to assist our children within the community pay for programs that they may not be able to afford to participate in without the assistance.

Vandenberg motioned to put the not renew Joint Recreation Agreement for 2013 unless the Plainwell Community Schools does the following.

1. Renegotiate the Joint Recreation Agreement to allow the Township to hold the money (\$7,000) here at the Township. The School will bill the Township \$15.00 for each student from the Township that participates in the program. The School will provide evidence that the students are from the Township, before the Township will pay.
2. The School will pay all indirect costs of the Joint Recreation program.
3. The Joint Recreation Committee will make recommendations to the Plainwell School Board.
4. Budgets will be presented quarterly to the Joint Recreation Committee.
5. The 12,623.00 that the School showed that what was left in the Joint Recreation will be put in an equipment line of the budget.

Moerman seconded. Moerman yes, Horton no, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka no, Meert no. Tie vote, motion failed.

Kopka motioned to keep the motion that Vandenberg motioned except change Number 5. In the amount of \$4377.00.

Meert seconded. Vandenberg no, Pearson no, Meert yes, Kopka yes, Horton yes and Moerman yes. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Warnement reported that the fire department responded to five calls in February 2013.

Deputy Bronson gave an oral report on the monthly activities.

Horizon submitted a written report.

Commissioner Black submitted a written report and updated the board on the Allegan County activities.

Chef Container submitted a written report.

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

Board Member Comments

Vandenberg updated the board on the MDOT project.

Vandenberg reminded board members that Plainwell Community School will be hosting an Evening Social Mixer at the Performing Arts Center on March 26, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Meth Meeting at 7:00 pm and Fracking Meeting will be held on March 18, 2013.

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Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:14 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.