

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 9, 2014

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

The pledge was recited.

Also present was approximately 8 guests.

Minutes

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written for December 5, 2013 and December 12, 2013. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with two additions under old business item #3 (Water) well replacement, #4 GIS Mapping. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of December 2013 and a list of the enterprise funds. Horton motioned to accept the clerk's report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Horton reported that the General Fund balance was \$748,787.00, the 5/3rd CD was \$37,770.00 and the Raymond James Investment was \$236,174.00. Kopka motioned to accept the report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public/None

Kopka suggested moving the Library Board up to the first item on the agenda, so the members present would not have to sit through the entire meeting.

Library Board

Members from the Library board were present to update the board on the activities and also inform the board and public that they are considering a millage request to be placed on the August 2014 Primary ballot. They will keep the township board and community updated on this issue as it progresses forward.

Public Hearing

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Fireworks Ordinance #155

Vandenberg motioned to adopt Fireworks Ordinance #155. Kopka seconded. Morehouse yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes, Shannon yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the second public hearing for the 2014/2015 budget. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried. There was no public comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and return to the regular meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Budget 2014/2015

Pearson motioned to approve the 2014/2015 budget as presented. Horton seconded. Pearson yes, Horton yes, Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Shannon yes and Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Water Sampling Stations

Vandenberg explained that the DEQ has recommended that we install two water sampling stations, one will be in the Pine Meadow area and the other one will be in the Doster area, the cost it to install both stations is approximately \$5500.00. Horton motioned to move forward with the project. Shannon seconded. Motioned carried.

Old Business

Joint Recreation

The Gun Plain Township board agreed to the schools recommendations 1. Renegotiate the Joint Recreation Agreement to allow the Township to hold the money (\$7000.00) here at the Township, the school will bill the Township \$15.00 for each student from the township that participates in the program. 2. The school will pay all indirect costs of the Joint Rec Program. 3 Budgets will be presented quarterly to the Joint Rec Committee. 4. The Joint Rec Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Education based on BOE policies. 5. Improve communication between Joint Rec Committee and BOE. Now they are not interested and would like for fiancé director Melissa Gelbaugh to work with the treasurer (Horton) on this matter, without a contract between the two entities. Gun Plain Township Board stated that we could not work without a contact, we are working with public funds and cannot just give the school \$7000.00 without a contact. The board thanked Vandenberg for trying, but decided to move forward without participating.

Health Insurance

The board agreed at the December 12, 2013 meeting to pay the difference of the old copay and the new copay for the health care plan, however the board did not make a formal motion at the special meeting, they chose to make the motion at the regular monthly meeting. Pearson motioned to approve the copay increase as discussed at the special meeting. Shannon seconded. Motioned carried.

GSI Mapping

Vandenberg motioned to approve \$2587.39 for new mapping, Vandenberg included in the motion that the bill is to be paid in full with one payment in this fiscal year, and this gives us a discount. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

Deputy Bronson updated the board and public on calls for the month of December 2013.

A written fire report was submitted.

Horizon submitted a written water and sewer report.

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

Comments Board Members

Morehouse asked if the meeting on police protection was a joint meeting.

Vandenberg acknowledged local Plainwell Graduated Jack Conklin, for his recent Rose Bowl win, Jack now plays football for Michigan State Spartans.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Don Black update the board and public on Allegan County monthly activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:40 pm. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.