

## **Charter Township of Gun Plain**

### **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**February 5, 2015**

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

Also present was approximately 7 guests.

#### **Minutes**

Horton motion to accept the minutes as written for January 12, 2015. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Agenda**

Vandenberg added under new business the following three items #3 assessment test, #4 appoint board of review members, #5 telephones. Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Clerks report**

Meert presented the board with the listed checks written for the month of January 2015 and a list of the enterprise funds. Pearson motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Treasures report**

Horton reported that the general fund balance as of January 31, 2015 was 1,180,619, the 53<sup>rd</sup> CD was \$37,833.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$237,798.00. Pearson motion to accept the report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

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#### **Public Hearing for 2015 2016 Budget**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Public comments/ none

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and returned to the regular monthly meeting. Kopka seconded motion carried.

The board discussed freezing sewer rate increases for one year. The board agreed to not increase sewer rates for 2015. Vandenberg stated that he kept the revenue-sharing line low in case we could have a possible decrease in State funding. Kopka motioned to approve the 2015 2016 budget. Pearson seconded. Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

#### **New business**

### **Resolution 2015 – 2 (general appropriation)**

Resolution RE: General Fund Budget and General Appropriation Act for fiscal year 2015 – 2016.

Whereas, in accordance with the Charter Township Act of Michigan in a Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, the general fund budget has been prepared and submitted to the Township board covering the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year of the Township in the amount of \$1,665,203 covering general Township operation and whereas a notice that said budget hearing was scheduled for February 5, 2015, was published in the Allegan County news and on January 15, 2015, which included a notice that the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget would be a subject of the budget hearing. **(A copy of the full text on resolution 2015-2 is available at the Township Hall)** Meert motioned to adopt resolution, 2015-2. Vandenberg seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

### **Resolution 2015 – 3 Adoption of the Allegan County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Whereas, the mission of gun plain charter Township include to charge to protect the health, safety, and general will bear public of gun plain charter Township and whereas gun plain charter Township, Michigan subject to flooding, tornadoes, winter storms, and other natural, technological, and human hazard. **(A copy of the full text on resolution 2015-3 is available at the Township Hall)** Morehouse motion to accept the resolution as written. Kopka seconded. Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

### **Asset test**

Pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, all local governing units shall make available for local policy and guidelines established for granting property exemptions to a requesting taxpayer. The local governing unit is required by MCL 211-7u (5) to follow the established policy and guidelines of the local assessing unit in granting or denying a property exemption. Vandenberg motioned to approve the asset test for the property exemptions. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Appointment Board of Review**

Vandenberg explained that the board must approve reappointment of the board of review members every two years on the odd year. Vandenberg motion to appoint Larry Jones, Tom Vogeler and Julie Shannon. Pearson seconded motion carried.

### **Phones**

Morehouse motion to switch to Charter Communications from AT&T. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

### **Old business**

#### **Lake Doster water problem**

Vandenberg updated the board on the water problem at Lake Doster, he reported that the reports are done. Vandenberg will summarize report and put them in our boxes.

#### **Roads (Dust Control, Gravel)**

Morehouse motioned to approve SWB Enterprises LLC four 2015 dust control applications. Horton seconded. Motion carried. For the gravel portions of the roads 11<sup>th</sup> to 108<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> North 110<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> to 103<sup>rd</sup>. Shannon motioned to approve the gravel for 2015. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

### **Road Mowing**

Vandenberg reported that they are still bidding the mowing of the roads however they expect the bids to come in close to last years. Pearson motioned to allow Vandenberg to approve the contract for the mowing bids. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

### **Monthly Reports**

Deputy Bronson was present and presented the board with the activity of December and January. A written fire reports as presented, a written water and sewer report from Horizon and Assessing report on State audit. Vandenberg motioned to approve the reports as presented. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

### **Comments from Township board members**

**Pearson thanked the firemen for clearing out the fire hydrants.**

Vandenberg reported that the GIS Accrue Globe does not work anymore, the program is from 2007 he is getting prices from Tony to update this program and will bring the prices back to the board.

Vandenberg reported that the recycling overage to date is \$ 11,254.00.

### **Open to the public**

County Commissioner Don Black presented the board with this up synopsis of the activities in the Allegan County commissioners and updated the board in public.

### **Adjournment**

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Meert seconded. Motion carried.