

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular monthly meeting

May 7, 2015

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

Also present was approximately 18 guest.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to accept the minutes as written April 2, 2015. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda as amended with the following items added #4 June meeting date, #5 public hearing on ordinance #158, #6 FOIA policy, #7 trail resolution, #8 Hall mats service, #9 hire/fire department. Old business #2 ISO rating, #3 road bids, #4 election. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with the listed checks that were written for the month of April 2015 and enterprise funds. Shannon motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse second. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,573,133, Raymond James fund balance was \$238,410.00 and Lake Doster account was \$122,261.00. Kopka motioned to accept Horton report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Bill Geresy presented to the Township board a resolution regarding the smart meters from Consumers Energy.

Jared a resident on 108th Ave updated the board on 108th,

Ryan Vist addressed the board regarding target shooting in a residential area.

Debra Vist addressed the board on target shooting in a residential area.

Gail Hurd presented the board and public with a brief explanation of the Bridges of Hope.

New Business

Fireworks

Vandenberg reported that the contract for Wolverine fireworks was available and asked for permission to sign the contract. Kopka motioned to approve and have Vandenberg to sign all contracts with Wolverine for the Fourth of July fireworks display show. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Lawn Mower

Vandenberg reported that Steensma Lawn Equipment quoted \$7759.00 to purchase a new mower versus leasing. Vandenberg stated that we currently have \$5000 in the Back Hoe fund that we could use toward this purchase. Kopka motioned to purchase the new mower for \$7759.00. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Franchise Agreement Martin Village

Vandenberg reported that the Village of Martin have agreed to all the terms as written in the contract presented to them. Kopka motioned to approve the franchise agreement with Martin Village. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting Date/June

The board requested that the June 4 meeting date be moved to June 11. Vandenberg motion to move the June 4 meeting to June 11, 2015. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

The board set June 11 at 7 PM for a public hearing for a text amendment to ordinance #141. The new ordinance will be ordinance number 158.

FOIA Policy

Vandenberg explained July 1, 2015's effective date for the changes due to the FOIA policy. Morehouse motioned to approve the new FOIA Policy Procedures and Guidelines document. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Trail Resolution 2015-4

The resolution is in support of a West Michigan non-motorized trail. Shannon motion to approve resolution 2015 -4. Pearson seconded. Meert yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Shannon yes, Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes and Kopka yes. Motion carried.

Hall Mat/Rug Service

It was a consensus of the board to stay with the current rug service that we've had for the last 10 years.

Fire Department/employment

Chief Meert recommended Ed Brierly for employment with Gun Plain Township Fire Department. Vandenberg motion to hire Ed Brierly as recommended. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Road Bids

Morehouse motioned to accept the bids for the roads based on recommendations of the Allegan County road commission. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

ISO Rating

Vandenberg explained that through the fire departments work over the past couple of years the results are in and they are good. The new rates will be in effect August 1, 2015, the rate schedule will be posted on our website and Township Hall.

Elections

Vandenberg thanked Meert and the election workers for a good job at the May the 2015 election. Vandenberg also wanted to thank Wayland City Clerk Michelle Herman for all of her time and effort in assisting the County IT and phone companies involved to resolving the problems the local Clerks were having uploading their results to the County Clerk's office.

Monthly Reports

Horizon operation, City of Plainwell water and sewer, fire reports and Deputy Joe Bronson. Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments from the board members

Vandenberg reported that the Martin Bridge is scheduled to open June 5, 2015 in time for the B 93 concert.

Open to the public

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.