

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

December 3, 2015

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

Also present were approximately 6 guest.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motioned to approve the minutes for November 5, 2015 and November 24, 2015 as written. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

Vandenberg added under old business item #3 register of deeds discussion and #4 Cemetery Road millings. Pearson motion to approve the agenda as amended. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of November 2015. Pearson motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

None/bank statements not available.

Open to the public

Allegan County judge Marjorie Baker was present to update the public and board on programs to assist residents in Allegan County that can afford legal representation on matters such as adoptions, deed transfers, wills and other legal matters.

Frank Baker undersheriff for Allegan County Sheriff Department was present and updated the board and public on police coverage in Allegan County.

Rob Kengis chief assistant prosecutor was present and announced that he will be running for Prosecuting Attorney.

New business

Mike Henry

Mr. Henry requested to be placed on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Mr. Henry emailed supervisor Vandenberg and informed him that he would not be attending tonight's meeting and requested to be withdrawn from the agenda. Vandenberg recommended that the board follow Professional Code

Inspector recommendation to ticket Mr. Henry for not complying with the blight notice. The board agreed with the recommendation to ticket Mr. Henry.

Firemen dinner

Kopka motioned to spend up to \$25 per firemen for their annual Christmas dinner and thanked the firemen for their hard work and dedication. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Calendar dates for 2016

Morehouse motion to approve the calendar dates for the office hours and meeting dates. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Baseline Road chip seal

Cooper Township have requested that Gun Plain Township share in the expense to chip seal our portion of baseline Road in Gun Plain Township, our portion will cost approximately \$10,371.25. Vandenberg motioned to spend \$10,371.25 for our portion to chip seal baseline road. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

108th Ave.

Vandenberg reported that they are no updates on this project to report.

Allegan County Conservation District

The conservation district has requested a \$500.00 donation to help keep the program running. Vandenberg stated that this program benefits our Township immensely, because we are a rural agricultural Township. He stated that this is a benefit to all citizens within Gun Plain Township. Pearson motion to donate \$500.00 to the Allegan County conservation. Meert seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Pearson yes and Shannon yes. Absent Horton. Motion carried.

Deeds accessibility Allegan County

Vandenberg explained to the board and public that Meert and he have set down with Rob Sarro and Don Black to discuss the ability to access deeds for residents in Gun Plain Township, we have also contacted County Clerk Watts. At this time they are talking 18 to 24 months before that option is available. Vandenberg and Meert are requesting the ability to login and access these records now. Vandenberg will update the board and public when more information is available.

Cemetery/Millings

Vandenberg stated that the city of Plainwell hauled the millings to the cemetery however our backhoe is not capable of spreading the millings, Vandenberg had the secretary call A- one rental to get a cost to rent a bobcat to spread the millings and remove the large chunks, the cost per day is \$285.00. Pearson motioned to pay Bob Vandenberg \$285.00 per day to use his bobcat. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly reports

Vandenberg motion to approve the following reports, deputy Bronson, fire report and water and sewer. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 8:01 PM. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.