

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 7, 2016

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

Also present were approximately 8 guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Kopka motioned to approve the minutes as written with one correction Shannon absent at the December 2015 meeting. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

Vandenberg motion to approve the agenda with three additions under new business item 6 set public hearing for sewer, item 7 discussed planning and zoning classes, item 8 Martin Fire Department/Gun Plain Township Fire Department mutual aid agreement. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of December 2015, in a copy of the enterprise funds. Horton motion to accept the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$1,004,343.00 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$238,033.00 Kopka motioned to accept the treasures report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public/none

Public hearing (2016-2017 budget)

Vandenberg motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Kopka seconded motion carried. After discussion of the budget Vandenberg motion to close the public hearing in return to regular session. Pearson seconded.

Pearson motioned to approve the budget for 2016 - 2017. Kopka seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes and Meert yes. Absent Morehouse.

New business

Resolution 2016 –1 General Appropriation

Kopka motioned to approve general appropriation resolution 2016 – 1. Shannon seconded. Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried. Absent Morehouse.

Appoint Planning Commission and ZBA members

Vandenberg recommended that Bill Vance and Shelley Simons are reappointed to the Planning Commission and Kopka reappointed to the ZBA. Vandenberg motioned reappoint Bill Vance, Shelley Simons and Kopka. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

Enclosed in your packets (information only) is a list of some of the items/projects that were completed in 2015.

Audit Proposals

The board was presented with two proposals for a three year contract. The bids were from Siegfried Crandall and Gabridge & Company. Kopka motioned to stay with Gabridge & Company. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Road Meeting

Gun Plain Township will be hosting a meeting on January 18, 2016 at 7 PM with Allegan County Road Commission area townships, the public is also invited.

The Gun Plain Township board will hold a meeting on January 19, 2016 at 7 PM to discuss road projects for Gun Plain Township for fiscal year 2016/2017.

Planning Commission and ZBA education

Vandenberg explained that with new laws and regulations pertaining to planning and zoning there are townships in Allegan County that are interested in hosting a multiple meeting with other townships and an attorney. Kopka suggested Vandenberg to inquire how many other townships would be interested in sharing the cost of an attorney to host such a meeting. Vandenberg will get back with the board with this information.

Gun plain Fire Department/Martin Fire Department Mutual aid agreement

Vandenberg drafted a new agreement between Gun Plain Township Fire Department and Martin Fire Department, the agreement pertains to more coverage from both departments. Vandenberg motion to approve the new agreement. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

108th Ave. /There been no new updates.

Monthly reports

Deputy Joe Bronson was present and updated the board and public.

Water and sewer report

Fire department report

Vandenberg motion to approve the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments board members

Vandenberg reported that the register of deeds is still a top priority in order to access records from the County. Vandenberg stated that he is working on this project.

Vandenberg stated that he was asked to be on the public safety task force for the marijuana explosion.

Vandenberg stated that he had some concerns that the governor signed bill 571.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Black updated the board and public on, Allegan County activities.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.