

Gun Plain Charter Township

Regular Monthly Meeting

MARCH 3, 2022

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as written for February 3, 2022, February 16, 2022 and February 9, 2022. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Morehouse motion to approve the agenda as amended item 7 Meijer's tax tribunal, item 8 golf view water, item 9 ZBA appointment, item 10 police car. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Morehouse motion to approve the clerks report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance January 30, 2022 was 3,737,061 and Raymond James was 243,988. Meert motioned to accept the report as presented. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the Public

Jill Dunham spoke to the board and public on broad band. Bill expressed his sympathy for the Vandenberg family and their loss of their mother.

New business

Lake shore advantage

Mandy present the board in public with reports pertaining to the growth in business and Allegan and Ottawa County.

Budget 2022 – 2023

Morehouse motion to approve 2022-2023 budget. Horton seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022 – 3 General Appropriation Act for 2022 – 2023

Shannon motioned to approve resolution 2022 – 3. Morehouse seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022 – 4 HSA Card

Morehouse stated he would like to see the \$5400 contribution for family or \$2700 for single be eliminated. He stated that what the Township is paying for employee benefits is a very good benefit without the contribution. Meert stated the contributions that are related for this year. Morehouse stated that we need to have another meeting in the future on this subject. Morehouse motion to approve resolution 2022 – 4. Shannon seconded. Pearson yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Vandenberg yes, Meert yes, Kopka yes and Morehouse yes. Motion carried.

Salary Resolutions (All resolutions are on file at the Clerk's Office)

Supervisor's Salary

Shannon motioned to approve the supervisor salary for 2022-2023. Morehouse seconded. Shannon yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Horton ye and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Clerks Salary

Shannon motioned to approve the clerk's salary for 2022 – 2023. Morehouse seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Motion carried.

Treasures Salary

Pearson motioned to approve the treasures salary for 2022-2023. Kopka seconded. Morehouse yes, Kopka yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Pearson

Morehouse motion to approve the salary for Pearson for 2022 – 2023. Shannon seconded. Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Shannon

Meert motioned to approve Shannon salary or 2022 – 2023. Pearson seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Trustees

Pearson motioned to approve trustee's salary for 2022 – 2023. Kopka seconded. Vandenberg yes, Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022 – 5 Gun River West MHP

Vandenberg explained to the board in public that the water and sewer rates that they are being charge in Gun River West is out-of-control and he would like to contact Eagle for more information pertaining to this matter. Vandenberg motioned to table resolution 2022 – 5 until he has more information from Eagle. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Meijer's tax tribunal

Vandenberg reported to the board that Meijer's is going to the tax tribunal in order to have their taxable value decreased. (This information is update only)

Old Business

Water line Golfview

Vandenberg reported that Rico cannot find the water line with the instruments he is currently using. The instrument Rico needs to locate this water line is approximately \$600. Morehouse motion for Rico to spend \$600 to rent the instrument. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

ZBA appointment

Shannon motioned to appoint Tom Bennick to the ZBA. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance 177 1177 106th Ave Ray Bradshaw

The Planning Commission recommendation to the Gun Plain Township Board is to deny the request to rezone this parcel. Kopka motioned to deny the rezone based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Morehouse seconded. Kopka yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes, Meert yes and Vandenberg No. motion carried.

Police Car

Vandenberg explained that our current police car was considered totaled by the insurance company and we would need to purchase a new one.

Vandenberg motioned to purchase a new police car. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

Water and sewer reports were submitted. Vandenberg motioned to approve the reports as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township Board Members

Morehouse stated that he has been comparing surrounding Township to see what their requirements are for splitting property. He stated that Cooper Twp. in all zones are 132" of road frontage. Morehouse is waiting to hear back from other Townships to compare them to Gun Plain Townships.

Vandenberg reminded the board that our next joint meeting with the Planning Commission is April 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Vandenberg informed the board that the City of Plainwell has purchased a paving roller and he is going to talk to the City manager to see if they can help us with the Cemetery driveways entrance.

Open to the Public

Gale Dugan updated the board on Allegan County projects.

Adjournment

Pearson motioned to adjourn at 9:16 PM. Kopka seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Den Berg