

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

November 2, 2023

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 7:00 PM. The following board members were present Meert, Gustafson, Pearson Vandenberg, Morehouse, Shannon and Horton.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Morehouse motion to accept the minute's as written. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with the following changes under new business 5. Set budget meeting date and 6. Fireman dinner. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report

Meert and present the board with a list of checks written for October 2023. Shannon motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report/none too early for the monthly statement

Open to the public

County Commissioner Dugan gave an update on County activities.

New business

Master Plan

Vandenberg reported that no one returned his calls from the company that we hired to help the Planning Commission board with our master plan therefore Vandenberg drafted a noticed himself. Vandenberg stated after January 3, 2024 we can hold a Public hearing.

Snowplow for Cemetery truck

Meert motion to purchase a snowplow for the Cemetery truck in the amount approximately \$7670. Horton seconded. Vandenberg yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes, Meert yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

Request to combine property and (1085 and 1087 Sir Knight)

Has requested to combine the two vacant parcels at 1085 and 1087 Sir Knight Rd. Shannon motioned to combine 1085:1087 Sir Knight Rd. Morehouse seconded. Meert yes, Gustafson

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Metro act

Metro Act 123 Morehouse motion to accept as presented. Gustafson seconded. Pearson Yes, Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

Budget workshop meeting date

The board set November 28 at 6 PM for a workshop budget meeting.

Firemen's dinner

Shannon motioned to approve \$30 per firemen for their annual Christmas. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Old business

Water at Doster

Vandenberg reported that the lines were just flushed at Lake Doster area.

Moving County offices out to Dumont

Vandenberg reported that the County is still moving forward with moving County seats to the Dumont area.

Sewer system at Lake Doster

Vandenberg reported that Rico will be meeting with engineers and we should be receiving report soon on this system.

Spongy Moths

Vandenberg reported the County has not designated money toward this problem. Vandenberg would like to put in a flyer how to look for signs of the egg sacks and how to properly take care of them.

Engine Brake Ordinance

Vandenberg motioned to bring this item on the table. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. At this time the board does not have an ordinance in place for Jake brake. Almost impossible to enforce.

Michigan gas franchise

Vandenberg motioned to bring the Michigan gas franchise off the table. Billy Shannon seconded.

Vandenberg reported that the Michigan gas franchise changed from 30 year contract to a 10 year contract. This information is only for the purpose of updating the board in public.

Monthly reports

The following written reports were submitted. Water and Sewer, Michigan Township Association government relations and PCI. Meert motion to approve the reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township board members

Vandenberg reported that he attended the road meeting and they will be paving M89 from city limits to Lake Doster road summer of 2024. Vandenberg has requested if they could look at possibly paving each side of that stretch of road.

Vandenberg reported that Four Roses would be closing their outside dining and he would like permission for the Plainwell Rotary to hold their weekly meetings at Gun Plain Township with the exception of the blood drive date. The board agreed that they could use the Hall.

Adjournment

Vandenberg motioned to adjourn. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Der Berg