

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 6, 2026

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by supervisor Vandenberg at 6 P the following board members were present M. Meert, Chris Vandenberg, Pearson, Horton, Albertson, Mike Vandenberg and K. Meert.

The pledge of allegiance was recited. Approximately 47 guests were present.

Minutes

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes for July 9, 2026. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Supervisor Vandenberg added the following items to the agenda 5. Ambulance contract 6. Sewer DNR and 7. Golf carts. Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

M. Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of July 2026. Pearson motioned to approve the report as presented. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was 4,932,037 and the Raymond James balance was \$273,617. Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve the report as presented K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Dugan updated the board and public on Allegan County activities.

Resident on Sir Knight Road presented to the board a petition for the board to change the Ordinance to allow semi-trucks to park in their own residential driveways. The board thanked the resident for the contribution.

New business

Public hearing for truth and taxation

Assessor Heather Mitchell did a presentation to update the public on how the truth and taxation works.

Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to open the public hearing. M. Meert seconded. Motion carried. Jeff Richard 105th Ave. sent a letter to the Township and requested for letter to be

included into the minutes. Several other residents address the board. Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and returned to the regular monthly meeting. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to accept the tax rate at 4.5431. Chris Vandenberg seconded. M. Meert yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, Chris Vandenberg yes, K. Meert yes, Albertson yes and M. Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Public hearing for ordinance 196 temporary moratorium on future battery energy storage systems and second read.

Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to open to the public hearing. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

K. Meert motioned to close the public hearing and returned to regular session. Pearson seconded. Motion carried. No public comments.

Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to approve ordinance 196. Pearson seconded. M. Meert yes, Albertson yes, supervisor Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and Horton yes. Motion carried.

First read for ordinance 195 to permit and regulate accessory dwelling units

This was the first read the board will take action on this ordinance at the September 3, 2026 meeting.

Assessor training

Assessor Mitchell explained to the board that she needs to the next level of training at the cost of \$1000 and ask if the Township would consider paying 50% or \$500.00. Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to approve to pay \$500 of the training. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Ambulance Contract

M. Vandenberg reported that the new contract when up 2.7% to \$16,919. We need to amend the old contract reflect the increase, M Vandenberg motioned to approve the increase Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Sewer DNR/10th St.

M. Vandenberg reported that perspective presented a work form for repair to the DNR pump station. The board agreed with the repair request.

Golf carts

Supervisor Vandenberg has been receiving a lot of complaints regarding golf carts on the roadways in the Lake Doster area. The board tabled this subject until we can gather more information on this issue.

Old business

Water Doster/no new information to report

Sewer Doster

Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve the repairs to pump station three and five. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Data center

Supervisor Vandenberg informed the Township board formed an Ad Hoc committee consisting of one board member from the Planning Commission, two Township board members and four residents and one alternate.

Monthly reports

Chief Currier reported that the Township responded to 46 calls for the month of July. Currier requested that the board consider a new hire for the fire Department James. Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to approve the higher as requested by the chief Currier. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer written reports were submitted. Pearson motioned to approve the reports as presented. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Wendy addressed the board concerning Lad Chemical contamination previously known as A 1 disposal.

Comments board members

M. Vandenberg reported that Woodside Cemetery has been clean now we are waiting to get the fence replaced and the stone work to be repaired, someone suggested Blair Bates for the stone repairs. Vandenberg stated he would try to contact Bates.

Adjournment

Pearson motioned to adjourn at 7:32 PM. K. Meert Seconded. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Van Der Berg". The signature is written in dark ink and is located at the bottom of the page.