

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

August 7, 2025

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 100 guests were present.

Minutes

Horton motion to accept the minutes as written for June 30, 2025, July 10, 2025 and July 16, 2025. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Pearson motioned to approve the agenda with the following amendments #4. Sewer phase 4 and 5, #5. Resolution 2025 – 7 and #6. Township sign. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

Meert present the board with a list of checks written for July 2025. Pearson motioned to approve the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$5,056,789, Raymond James investment \$263,402 and the tax one \$99,643. M. Meert motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Ted Devries Prairieville trustee spoke to the board in regards to billing Gun Plain Township residents that are in the Pine Lake area.

Deb Avery questions on accounts payables.

Truth and taxation hearing

Vandenberg motioned to open the public hearing. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

The following public addressed the board, Deb Avery 103rd Ave, Matt 370 3rd St., Sean 4th St., Lester 120 11th St. Taylor 949 7th St., Ray Grimm, Greg 108th Ave., Jansen 462M 89, Jamison 106th Avenue, Dennis Watson Riverview Dr. resident Sarah and Jacob Smith requested a letter read into the minutes. *See attached letter.*

Assessor Presentation

Heather Mitchell held a presentation for the public to explain how the Headlee rollback affects the millage and taxable increase. She also explained that Gun Plain Township did not increase their millage, however the State of Michigan raised the CPI for all Michigan residents 3.1%.

Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing. Pearson seconded.

Pearson motioned to approve the millage rate at 4.5431. Horton seconded. M. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, C. Vandenberg yes, M. Meert yes, Albertson yes and K. Meert yes. Motion carried.

Waterworth Continuous Utility Rate management

The board will set up a meeting in the fall.

PACE Amendment

C Vandenberg motioned to allow M. Vandenberg to sign the documents. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Sewer phase 4 and 5

Vandenberg reported to the board that phase 4 and 5 becoming up soon in order to lock-in the rate of approximately \$837,659 to buy the equipment needed to complete phase 4 and 5 we would need pay upfront for the parts to ensure that we could set rate before the increases due to tariffs affect us. Pearson motioned to approve phase 4 and 5. Chris Vandenberg seconded. M. Meert yes, M. Vandenberg yes, Albertson yes. Meert yes, Pearson yes, Albertson yes and C. Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2025-7 approving loan general fund's for Lake Doster wastewater phase 4 and 5.

Albertson motioned to approve 2025-7. Pearson seconded. M. Vandenberg yes, M. Meert yes. Vandenberg yes, Albertson yes, K. Meert yes, Pearson yes and Horton yes. Motion carried. *See attached resolution.*

Township sign

At this time the Township board has no interest in purchasing a \$36,995.00 sign.

Old business

Water Doster

Vandenberg reported there were no new reports.

Data center

Vandenberg reported that there is interest in our township but there have been no recent updates.

Monthly reports

Police, fire, zoning, water and sewer reports were presented.

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

Open to the public

Kathy stated that the Township needed a sound system so that people could hear better.

Joe 912 Marsh Rd. stated that he would talk to Vandenberg regarding a sound system for Gun Plain Township.

Board comments

Vandenberg reported that ordinance 189 will come before the Township board for the first read for September regular monthly meeting.

Adjournment

Adjournment Pearson motioned to adjourn at 8:05 PM. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Den Berg