

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 4, 2024

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes for December 7, 2023 and December 19, 2023. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda with one amendment #9 security cameras. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

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

Treasures report

Horton reported the general fund balance was \$3,629,068 and the Raymond James balance was \$245,563. Pearson motioned to accept the treasures report as presented. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Open to the public/none

New business

Public hearing for 2024 – 2025 budget

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Meert second. Motion carried. There were no comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and returned to regular session. Morehouse seconded.

Morehouse motion to approve the 2024 – 2025 budget as presented. Shannon seconded. Gustafson yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Shannon yes and Meert yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2024 –1 General Appropriation

Shannon motioned to approve resolution 2024-1 General Appropriation. Morehouse seconded. Gustafson yes, Morehouse yes, Meert yes, Vandenberg yes, Shannon yes, Horton yes and Pearson yes. Motion carried.

Cyber Assessments

Pearson motioned to allow Vandenberg to the monitor and move forward with this cyber assessments. Morehouse seconded.

Appoint ZBA members

Vandenberg stated that Richard Joslin, Paul Sullivan and JD Chamberlain were up for reappointment. Shannon motioned to reappoint all three members. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Prein and Newhof contract for 2024

Morehouse motion to approve Prein and Newhof contract for 2024. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Dust control

Morehouse motion to approve Southwestern Michigan Dust Controls contract for approximately \$25,950. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Road mowing contract

Vandenberg explained that Allegan County covers two mowing's per year and the Township pays for one additional mowing. Pearson motioned to approve the third mowing. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

Combining property 360 and 353 Riverview Dr.

Pearson motioned to approve combining the properties 360 and 353 Riverview Dr. to one parcel. Shannon seconded. Meert yes, Gustafson yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes, Horton yes and Shannon yes. Morehouse abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Security cameras

Vandenberg explained that because of the nine day early voting the Township needed to upgrade our security cameras. Shannon motioned to approve Lock Masters to update our camera system. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

Commissioner Dugan updated the board and public on County activities.

Old business

Water Doster

Perspective was present to discuss the water tower problem in November and how they plan to ensure it doesn't happen again. Meert ask why they don't utilize the landline in the morning and late afternoon to ensure there is no problems.

Moving County offices to Dumont

Dugan updated the board and public that they are still transitioning to move the offices to the Dumont area.

Sewer system Lake Doster

The board requested Fleis and Vandenbrink to conduct a pump station evaluation for the sewer system at Lake Doster and submit a bid to the board. The total estimated project costs would be approximately \$3,400,000. Before considering any such project the board would like to have a meeting with the Lake Doster residents.

Spongy moths

Vandenberg reported that Allegan County Conservation District stated there is no money available to help control the invasion of spongy moths.

Michigan Gas Franchise

Vandenberg reported there were no updates at this time. Monthly reports

Comments board members

Vandenberg reported that he was working on updating the website. MTA meeting conference is April 22 through April 25.

Open to the public

Dugan updated the board and public that they are still transitioning to move the offices to the Dumont area.

Adjournment

Meert motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Pearson. Motion carried.

Michael Van Den Berg