

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2026

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approximately 30 guests were present.

Minutes

Pearson motioned to approve the minutes as written for December 4, 2025. In seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda

Pearson motioned to approve the agenda with the following additions to under new business 7. SOG 31, 8. Prein and Newhof contact, 9. Clerk technology contract, 10. In Law Suite Ordinance, Set budget meeting date. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

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

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$4,350,760 and the Raymond James investment fund balance was \$267,983. Pearson motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. Pearson motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

County Commissioner Dugan updated the board in public on Allegan County activities. Allegan County drain Commissioner Chris updated the board in public on Allegan County activities.

New business

Second read for ordinance #190 electric service franchise Wolverine power Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve ordinance 190. Pearson seconded. M. Meert yes, M. Vandenberg yes, Horton yes, Pearson yes, K. Meert yes and Chris Vandenberg yes. Motion carried. Absent Albertson.

Appoint Planning Commission members and ZBA members.

Horton motion to approve Robert Bennett and Kelly McHugh to the planning commission for another three year term. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried. Chris Vandenberg motioned to appoint Tim Oosting to the ZBA for another three year term. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Water meter at Pine Meadows

M. Meert motioned to allow Perspective to spend up to \$11,243.75 to replace the meter at Pine Meadows. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Drinking Water Assessment Management Plan/Capital Improvements Plan (EGLE)

Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve the CIP plan. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Soccer

Supervisor Vandenberg brought it to the board's attention that Force Soccer would like to make some improvements to the soccer fields with the board's approval. The board granted supervisor Vandenberg permission to work with Force on this project.

Perspective Service contract

Pearson motioned to renew perspectives contract. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

SOG31

The SOG would cover blood-borne pathogens, model exposure control plan for Gun Plain Township Fire Department. Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve SOG 31. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Prein and Newhof Contract

Pearson motioned to approve Prein and Newhof contact. K Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk Technology contract renewal

M. Meert motioned to approve the renewal of Clark IT support contract. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

In Law Suite Ordinance

This subject was up for discussion only, the ordinance will come before the Planning Commission for recommendations.

Set budget meeting date

The board set Monday, January 12 at 6 PM.

Old business

Water Doster

Vandenberg reported that he is not heard back from the Supervisor from Prairieville Township in regards to a possible Special Assessment District on Doster road.

Sewer system Lake Doster

A letter from our attorney went out to the residents that are served by lift station 6.

Data Center

Vandenberg stated that it was sent back to the planning commission to get an ordinance in place to protect Gun Plain Township.

Monthly reports

Kris reported that they ran through for calls for the month of December. He also informed the board that we had three new firefighters that will starting at Academy.

W/S report was submitted.

Pearson motioned to approve the reports as presented. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Comments Township board members

Vandenberg reported that due to the 6% gas sale tax we will be losing approximately \$20,000 however the state has come up with a different program that we will get the majority of it back approximately \$12,000.

Open to the public

Deb Avery 103rd Avenue addressed the board.

Shelley Simons 100 10th Street address the board on the data center. She also informed the fire chief that they could access the river if needed through their land.

Derek Feldman address the board pertaining to the future direction of the Department.

Adjournment

Pearson motioned to adjourn. K. Meert seconded. Motion carried.

Michael Van Den Berg