

**Charter Township of Gun Plain**

**Monthly Meeting**

**July 11, 2024**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Minutes**

Shannon motioned to approve the minutes as written for June 6, 2024. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**Agenda**

Vandenberg motioned to approve the agenda as amended 12. Lock Master quote camera and 13. New hire Fire Department. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

**Clerks report**

Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for June 2024. Pearson motioned to accept the clerks report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasures report**

Horton reported that the general fund balance was \$4,761,880.35 and the Raymond James investment balance was \$251,564. Shannon motioned to approve the report as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Open to the public**

Richard Anderson Lake Doster address the board regarding the mute Swan issue.

**New business**

**Allegan County legal aid assistance Center**

Linda Teeter updated the board and public on the activities of the legal aid board actions.

**Public hearing ordinance 186 franchise Michigan gas and first read.**

Vandenberg motioned to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing. Pearson seconded. No,

Public comments. Vandenberg motioned to close the public hearing and returned to regular session. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. No action will be taken until the August 8th monthly meeting.

#### **Resolution 2024-5 Proposed Millage Rate Increase**

Shannon motioned to approve resolution Pearson seconded. Horton yes, Shannon yes, Morehouse yes, Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Meert yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

#### **Set truth and taxation hearing**

Vandenberg motioned to set August 8, 2024 for the truth and taxation hearing. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **First Read of Ordinance 185 Request to rezone from R1 to R2 606 M89**

The board will act on this ordinance at the August 8, 2024 meeting.

#### **Bulk Water Rate**

Vandenberg stated that pool companies have been in touch with him on cost of bulk water rates to fill swimming pools. The board set the rate at \$150 per load. Pearson motioned to not allow. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2024-6 Water Rate Increase**

Shannon motioned to approve resolution 2024 – 6 water rate increase. Gustafson seconded. Shannon yes, Horton yes, Meert yes, Morehouse yes, Pearson yes, Vandenberg yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2024 – 7 Sewer Rate Increase**

Shannon motioned to approve resolution 2024-7. Morehouse seconded. Vandenberg yes, Shannon yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes, Morehouse yes Meert yes and Gustafson yes. Motion carried.

#### **Waive fees for ZBA on Solar on Front of Houses**

The board agreed to not waive the fee.

#### **6 inch water meter Pine Meadow**

Vandenberg informed the board that the water main needed to be replaced at Pine Meadows approximately \$7600. Shannon motioned to approve the six-inch water meter change for Pine Meadows. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Archangel safety LLC proposal**

Vandenberg reported that the village of Martin Martin Township and Otsego Township are willing to split the cost and each pay \$3100 and a \$500 quarterly fee to go ahead with this program. Vandenberg motioned to approve archangels. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

#### **Old business**

#### **Mute swans**

Vandenberg motioned to table this issue off the table. Shannon second. Motion carried.

Representative from the DNR was present to explain their mute Swan program to the board and public. He explained that the USDA did the removal of the mute swans with the proper permits.

#### **Water Doster**

Vandenberg stated that he'd received a massive FOIA request pertaining to water on Doster Road. Vandenberg reported the franchise agreement with Prairieville from 2017 has expired. He also reported that the water tower is five years overdue for an inspection.

#### **Sewer system Lake Doster rate study**

Horton motion to approve to go ahead with the rate study for Lake Doster. Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried. Horton and Meert stated that they would like to meet with the residents to hear their opinion on this project.

#### **Spongy moth**

Vandenberg reported right now is the time to be on the lookout for their egg sacks on your trees and scrap them off as soon as possible to keep the spread down for the next cycle next spring.

#### **Monthly reports**

Pearson motioned to approve all the monthly reports as presented. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.

**Adjournment Pearson motioned to adjourn at 9:20 PM. Morehouse seconded. Motion carried.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Van der Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.