

Charter Township of Gun Plain

Regular Monthly Meeting

July 9, 2026

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

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Approximately 32 guests were present.

Minutes

Horton motion to approve the minutes as written for June 4, 2026. Pearson seconded motion carried.

Agenda

Pearson motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Clerks report

M Meert presented the board with a list of checks written for the month of June 2026.

Pearson motioned to approve the report as presented. Horton seconded. Motion carried.

Treasures report

Horton reported that the general fund was 5,054,235.00 K and the Raymond James balance was \$272,811. M. Meert motioned to approve the treasures report as presented. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Open to the public

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

Karen from Paw Paw Michigan question on Cemetery grave that was reclaimed.

New business

Second read of ordinance 194 request to rezone 1183 107th Ave. to AG

Pearson motioned to approve the request to rezone 118 107th Ave. Chris Vandenberg seconded. K Meert yes, Albertson yes, M. Meert yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, Horton yes and Chris Vandenberg yes. Motion carried.

Order control study

Mr. Wheat from Prein and Newhoff was presented and presented the board with several options to resolve the odor and corrosion problem to the sewer system. M. Vandenberg motioned to approve option number two additional startup is \$18,000 with an annual cost of \$36,000. Pearson seconded. Horton yes, Albertson yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, M. Meert yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and K. Meert. Yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of Construction Board of Appeals

Supervisor Vandenberg motioned to reappoint Steve Henderson, Ryan Latham, John Artz, Danny Sturman and Ken Post for a two-year term. Pearson seconded. Motion carried.

Folding Machine

Vandenberg explained that our folding machine has died. Mike Vandenberg motioned to approve \$3951 to purchase a new folding machine. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Old Cemetery truck

Vandenberg reported that the Sexton stated that the transmission was bad and recommended because we don't use it we put it out to bid. M. Meer stated that we need to have someone look at the Cemetery truck to tell us what the cost would be to repair whatever problem the truck is experiencing, as she feels we need a backup truck for the Cemetery, she also stated that there are certain areas in our Cemetery that the larger newer Cemetery truck cannot access and feels it is important to try to keep the old Cemetery truck if it is not too expensive to repair. K. Meert stated that he would find someone with mechanic experience to look into the transmission issue on the truck and report back to the board.

Resolution 2026 – 9 Battery Energy Storage System Temporary Moratorium Zoning

Pearson motioned to extend it out to December 21, 2026 to get the planning commission time to work on the setbacks. M. Meert seconded. Horton yes, Albertson yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, M. Meert yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and K. Meert. Yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 196 temporary moratorium on data energy storage system (police powers)

First read only the board set a public hearing for August 6, 2026 for the second read.

Resolution 2026 – 10 to Establish Proposed Additional Millage Rate for Truth and Taxation

M. Meert motioned to approve resolution 2026 – 10. Pearson seconded. Horton yes, Albertson yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, M. Meert yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and K. Meert. Yes. Motion carried.

Microphones

The board would like to get another quote next month. Also local resident as offered his assistance with the microphones.

Request to combine property

Eugene and Kathy Meert Trust requested to combine their two parcels 0308-415-059-00 and 0308-415-060-00. Pearson motioned to approve the request. Horton seconded. Horton yes, Albertson yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, M. Meert yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and K. Meert. Yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Water at Doster/nothing new to report

Sewer System at Doster

Vandenberg reported that due to the storm damage and power outage over the Fourth of July weekend we should expect a high bill for that weekend. Vandenberg reported that pump station 3 went bad and now pump station 2 was bad and he would like the board to approve moving pump station 2 ahead to be repaired at the cost of approximately \$26,000. Chris Vandenberg motion to approve the repairs. Horton seconded. Horton yes, Albertson yes, M Vandenberg yes, Pearson yes, M. Meert yes, Chris Vandenberg yes and K. Meert. Yes. Motion carried.

Data center

Vandenberg stated that he will get a list of the residents and board members that are on the Ad Hoc committee and present to the board and public at the next meeting.

Monthly reports

Chief Currier gave a monthly report for June 2026 reported that they were responded to 65 calls. Currier also recommended the board approved hiring of Steve Simons. M. Vandenberg motioned to approve hiring of Steve Simons. Horton seconded. Motion carried. Currier requested to purchase ceiling fans. Chris Vandenberg motioned to approve the purchase of the ceiling fans. Albertson seconded. Motion carried.

Allegan County deputy Travis updated the board on last month's calls, he reported that he responded to 165 calls for the month of June 2026.

Water and sewer reports were presented.

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

Open to the public

Gersey, Wendy and Brad spoke.

Comments board members

Vandenberg ask permission to look into mics for meetings. Horton motioned to authorize supervisor Vandenberg to spend up to \$2000 in purchasing microphones. Chris Vandenberg seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Michael Van Der Berg