

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 11, 2011.

THE SUPERVISOR LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.

ROBERT BALDWIN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
JAMES CHAPMAN	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the 9-13- 2011.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the September 13, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

The clerk presented the minutes of the 9-22- 2011 meeting with MDOT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

The clerk presented the minutes of the Park & Recreation Committee 9-26-2011.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the September 26, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

10-6-11 General fund balance	\$401,475.10
10-6-11 Sewer fund balance	\$517,414.72
General fund receipts- \$5,115.71	
Sewer fund receipts - \$3,454.05	

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the treasurer’s report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED. . 7 yes**

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

Reading-----	141222360
Total Flow-----	783030
Average daily flow-----	26101

The generator replacement was discussed; the supervisor will prepare a cost comparison spread sheet for the next board meeting.

ASSESSING REPORT

The assessing report was received from E. Spalo the township assessor and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Commissioner Kevin Courtney was present and reported on the following;

- ORV travel change
- Re-monumentation program through the county register of deeds office
- Mecosta Co. budget process
- Household hazardous waste collection

Internet - A Township resident on 205th was present and thanked the township for the high internet project; he's very pleased with the speed and service. There was a discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

INTERNET PROJECT

The supervisor reported on the internet tower and has updated the county commission. The Mecosta County Parks have indicated they are interested in internet for the parks.

ROADS

Mecosta County Engineer David Molnar was present to discuss the 220th bridge project explaining the abutments are in disrepair and are going to need additional funding for the concrete. The contractor of the project is Greenscape, who submitted a change order of \$16,600.00. The road commission intends to rebid or re-quote the additional change order work. The road commission position is there is no additional money available for this project and may have to delay the project. The road commission is asking the township its position on this project cost over-ride. The consensus of the township board was we need to know the true dollar amount of additional cost before any decision to increase the amount of \$30,000 committed to this bridge project as agreed to.

Dave Molnar explained the road commission will take care of the maintenance washout on Newcosta near the Wallace property.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE DRAFT

The clerk is continuing to edit the proposed first draft of a township cemetery ordinance. Additions/corrections have been submitted from MacFarlane and Stephan. The clerk will continue to receive suggestions to be incorporated in the ordinance.

CHARLIE BROWN PARK

There was a discussion on the township possibly acquiring possession of this park. No action. The annual one year lease payment of \$1.00 per year is included in this month's bill.

STONE FISH HATCHERY PARK ACCESS TRAIL ALONG NORTHLAND DR.

Paul Galdes of Fleis & Vandenbrink was present to discuss with the board their proposal for the engineering work on the Stone Fish Hatchery & Northland Drive Pedestrian Trail.

Items of discussion were;

- MDOT schedule for Northland Drive construction
- MDOT co-operation with township
- Grant application
- Park & Recreation Master Plan update
- Fee proposal Schematic drawing, bridge analysis, cost estimate & recommendations on grants to pursue
- Schedule meetings with Park & Rec Committee

MOTION was made by B. Baldwin and supported by J. Peek to proceed and contract with Fleis & VanderBrink in the amount of up to \$1,400 for the Stone Hatchery & Northland Drive pedestrian connection For schematic drawing, bridge analysis, cost estimate & recommendations on grant(s) to pursue.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

NEW BUSINESS

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice has been received that the City of Big Rapids Public Safety Fire Division is applying for a USDA grant to fund part of the cost of new fire tender. The board discussed the suggestion that the city may be proposing a charge on call outs for services. The supervisor will contact the city mayor.

REED CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

A report has been received from Heather Symon, Director asking the following;

1. Would the township be willing to participate in a district library planning committee?
2. Would the township appoint a representative to that committee on behalf of the township?

MOTION was moved by B. Baldwin and supported by G. Todd to take a vote not to support a district library. **MOTION CARRIED 7 YES**

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd not to support a proposed district library proposed by the Reed City Library. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek

SNOW REMOVAL BIDDING

Green Charter Township will be accepting bids for the 2011-2012 snow plowing.

Notice to include penalty for not following requests. Requesting the bids submitted to the township by Nov. 1st.

Contact: Janet Clark, Clerk, 231 796-6201, website – greentownship.org,

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD ISSUE FOR TAX COLLECTION

Information has been received regarding the option of the township accepting credit & debit cards.

There was a discussion and the treasurer indicated there have not been many requests for this option.

No action taken.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

There was a discussion on the continuation of a township advisory planning committee.

HALL USE – OSCEOLA COUNTY FRIEND OF THE COURT

They will continue to rent the hall for the Friend of the Court SMILE program, once per month in 2012.

STREET LIGHT AT 190TH & 23 Mile

A donation has been received to keep the light at 190th & 23 Mile at the brighter watt.

PARKHILL FOUNDATION PROBLEM

A complaint has been received concerning the installation of a foundation at Parkhill Schroeder Addition.

The clerk has talked with the installer and it will be fixed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Trustee G. Todd reported on the following:

- Farmers Market at the township hall pavilion
- Consideration purchasing a sign in front of the township hall for announcements
- Suggest need for air conditioning in the banquet room

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following amendment in the General Fund. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**, Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

10/11/2011							
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW BUDGET	AMENDED BALANCE	
GENERAL FUND						\$ -	
101-265-800	TOWNHALL CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 2,537.60	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 462.40	
from	FROM						
101-265-702	TOWNHALL WAGES	\$ 87.19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,412.81	
						\$ -	
						\$ -	
					\$ -	\$ -	
101-289-826	ATTORNEY	\$ 3,116.10	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 83.90	
from						\$ -	
101-289-808	AUDIT	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 110.00	
101-325-728	ELECTRIC COMMUNITIONS	\$ 24.22	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 175.78	
from						\$ -	
101-325-971	LARGE FIXED ASSETS INTERNET	\$ 37,543.53	\$ 39,001.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 38,801.00	\$ 1,257.47	
101-751-818	REC. & PARKS CONTRACTURAL SERVIC	\$ 2,465.00	\$ 665.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 200.00	
from						\$ -	
101-751-702	REC. & PARKS WAGES	\$ 22.51	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 977.49	
101-446-926	HIGHWAYS STREET LIGHTS	\$ 3,915.72	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 1,784.28	
from						\$ -	
101-101-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 140,158.72	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 142,158.72	\$ 142,158.72	

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve payment of the following bills

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES – Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

GENERAL FUND 8/10/11-9/13/11 CK #10284 - #10321 \$26,113.39

GREEN SEWER FUND 10/11/11 - 10/11/11 CK # 2805 - #2814 \$12,009.55

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk