

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. OCTOBER 13, 2009. THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING AND LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

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

MINUTES

September 8, 2009 regular board meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

September 30, 2009 special board meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

10-08-09 General fund balance	\$578,082.68
10-08-09 Sewer fund balance	\$473,439.64

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan 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:
9/1/9 – 10/1/09

Reading-----121233790

Total Flow-----829260

Average daily flow-----27642

Denny reported new heater has been ordered for lift station.

All is working well.

OLD BUSINESS

ROADS

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported the following 2009 road projects funded by the township have been completed:

22 Mile resurfacing from 230 th to Newcosta -	\$80,438.22
18 Mile Road from 205 th to Shamrock tar & chip	\$ 4,001.44
Spruce Road east from 205 th tar & chip	\$ 6,973.40
Intersection of 18 Mile Road, Shamrock & Northland Dr.-resurface	\$ 3,243.03
Meceola Road from Northland Dr. to 220 th Ave. resurfacing	\$16,133.00
TOTAL	\$110,789.09

EBAY SALES

Trustee N. Stephan reported nine sets of the old bowls have been sold on Ebay thus far bring in a net profit of \$440.49.

PARKS

Stone Hatchery Park seeding in done and up.

Charlie Brown old tree, supervisor will trim.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Commissioner Kevin Courtney was present and reported on the reduction in the EMS millage and the Community Service work project.

There also was a discussion on his moving and voting to adopt the recommendation of charging \$200 per precinct per election for programming of elections beginning in 2010. He was questioned as to why there was no discussion with the township clerks before their decision to assess the townships the \$200.00 per precinct per election.

The board also asked Mr. Courtney if there had been any further discussion on voting for a five member road commission board. His suggested the initiative come through the Mecosta County Township Association, by the township officials pressuring their own County Commissioners to move for a five member Road Commission Board.

USER CHARGE

The supervisor reported:

The new Green Charter Township user charge rate had been approved at the special meeting on the 30th of September.

October 2nd he and Maxine McClelland attended the City Commission meeting where City Manager presented "User Charge Analysis Version #6". (*No official copy has been received from the City.*)

The following are items of discussion on the Sewer User Charge:

1. What is the true amount of dollars spent on plant upgrade currently?
2. 90 cent plant upgrade pre charge is still in the quarterly charge invoice, even though the bonds have been sold.
3. Attention was brought to page 21 # 7 on all analysis reports Effective March 1, 2005, City Ordinance 537-01-05 added a charge for sewer customers for the purpose of paying for structural and capital costs of the plant upgrade design and construction. **"This charge shall be levied from March 2005 until the bonding of plant debt for this construction."** (This shows up in all 6 versions.) Current 90 cents is supposed to stop when bonds were sold.
4. Opinion from auditor is, you can not put the funding of the plant upgrade into one year's budget.
5. IPP
6. Paving Riverwalk over the sewer trunk line should not be an expense to the sewer system.
7. Discussion on City's resolution No. 05-122 of September 6, 2005
8. City's resolution No. 05-122 establishing deposit of iced mountain agreement funds into designated city accounts.
9. Plant manager's recommendation for handling the Ice Mountain water was not followed, therefore the system could not handle rapid influx into the system.
10. City manager's requesting fines from the DEQ.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to direct the supervisor to contact the attorney to FOIA the City to get the information on the water received into the sewer system by Ice Mountain, as when funds were received and what funds they were deposited into. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

Continued items of discussion:

1. Roll back of the 90 cents to April 1, 2009
2. What will be done with the extra funds borrowed in the bonding of the upgrade of the plant?
3. Need for one resolution for both townships.
4. Direct supervisor to consult with township attorney an option of placing in escrow the 90 cent revenue retro from April 1, 2009.
5. Question as to why the City's sewer is inflated so much of actual?

PARK BRIDGE OVER PARIS CREEK

A price quote for Steel Stringer Bridge has been received from Cliff Youngs of the Osceola County Road Commission. There was a discussion and the consensus of the board was that the township needs to move forward with the park project and address the following factors.

DEQ Permits

Pre engineering

Foundation for bridge, footings, pile driving

Soil borings

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to continue and get costs for pre-

engineering and soil borings for bridge installation. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSPARENCY OF RECORDS

The supervisor asked if the board would like to have the township budget on the township’s web site. There was a discussion and no action was taken.

PEST CONTROL COMPANY

A price quote has been received from Hanes Exterminator for township hall pest control. The board requested additional quotes.

SNOW PLOWING

The township will be accepting price quotes for per plowing for this winter at the township hall.

HALL USE

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to allow the use of the township hall for the Boy Scouts organization meeting with Mecosta and Osceola Counties organized by J. Chapman, at no charge, for the work that was provide at the Stone Hatchery. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

UNITED WAY hall use was not granted, no direct service was indicated to be provided to the township.

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve attendance of the board at the MTA Annual Educational conference in January 2010 to include registration fees, mileage or over night accommodations. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to approve the following budget amendments in the General and Sewer funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

10/13/2009						
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	AMENDED
				AMOUNT	NEW	BALANCE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						\$ -
101-276-702	CEMETERY MOWING WAGES	\$ 12,521.45	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ 78.55
from	FROM					
101-276-972	LARGE ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (600.00)	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
101-446-818	HIGHWAY CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 107,170.87	\$ 92,000.00	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 107,200.00	\$ 29.13
from	FROM					
101-101-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 103,143.78	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 118,343.78	\$ 118,343.78
					\$ -	\$ -
					\$ -	\$ -
<u>SEWER FUND</u>						\$ -
590-800-826	ATTORNEY	\$ 7,662.65	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 37.35
from					\$ -	\$ -
590-000-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,300.00

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

GENERAL FUND 9-14-09 – 10-13-09 CK # 9298- 9341 \$36,030.92

GREEN SEWER FUND 9-14-09 -10-13-09 CK # 2542 - 2555 \$8,007.46

HALL AND PICNIC PAVILION RENTAL RATES

N. Stephan has received strong discussion on the charging for reserving the picnic shelter. There was discussion and the board will address at a later meeting.

YARD WASTE

There was a discussion on the need for residents to dispose of yard waste. We will check with lawn care companies.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to adjourn. 9:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

Janet Clark,
Township Clerk