

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. OCTOBER 14, 2008.
THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING AND LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

JOHN M. WELLNITZ,	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK,	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
A. DONALD GRANT	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular September 9, 2008 board meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

PARK & RECREATION MINUTES

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to accept the minutes of the Park & Recreation Committee of September 10 & 29th and October 6, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 Yes

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

10/10/08 General fund balance	\$611,141.93
10/10/08 Sewer fund balance	\$452,781.29

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to accept the treasurer's report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

CD's will matured and transferred to Flagstar Bank at 4.37% for 119 days

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT

G. Todd reported the committee reviewed Master Plan and discussed the survey questions

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Mr. Holdsworth was present to address the board with his concern on the discussion of the Big Rapids Library issue, District Library, funding proposed library location and safety.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Kevin Courtney and discussed the following:

1. Approved County budget
2. New Finance officer
3. Gary Todd's concern on building permit fee increase
4. ATV vehicles on Mecosta County roads
5. Road Commission formula change

SEWER USERCHARGE

No information received from the city.

AT&T

Metro act right of way permit extension request has been received from AT&T.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve the two year extension request to extend the existing METRO Act Permit issued by Green Charter Township to Michigan Bell Telephone Company formerly d/b/a SBC Michigan, now d/b/a/ AT&T Michigan ("AT&T") which expires on 12/9/08. The extension is for a term to end on December 31, 2010.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

MTA – TREASURER SEMINAR

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the expenses for the treasurer to attend the Treasurer’s training. **MOTION CARRIED.** 7 YES Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

TOWNSHIP HALL TRASH PICK

No decision was made on the waste hauler for the township hall it will be put on the agenda for next month.

ANNA HOWARD SHAW - HISTORICAL MARKER

Correspondence has been received from the Mecosta County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, asking for funding. There was a discussion and the consensus was to continue with letter of agreement in the minutes of February 14, 2006 as follows.

“ANNA HOWARD SHAW - MONUMENT

A letter from The Mecosta Chapter DAR - Elizabeth LaBatt, Regent as a follow up to last month’s discussion, asking for a document of understanding of the agreement with the township board for the following:

1. *Green Charter Township would consider posting a sign at the Township Hall, to the effect that Green Charter Township (is) “Location of Anna Howard Shaw’s childhood homestead”. Suggested a sign posted beneath the current “Green Charter Township Hall” sign.*
2. *Green Charter Township would consider posting a sign at the intersection of Northland Drive and 22 Mile Road to show direction (West on 22 Mile Road) to the location of a marker on the homestead property. This is contingent upon the success of the erection of signage on said property.*
3. *Green Charter Township would provide paper and printing for a brochure with background information on Anna Howard Shaw that would be provided by the DAR. This printing would be in one color (black) only and would be made available for distribution at the Township Hall.*

***MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to send a letter with agreement to her letter of understanding regarding the endeavor to set some type of signage for Anna Howard Shaw’s childhood homestead. **MOTION CARRIED.** 6 YES, 1 ABSENT, Todd, Grant-absent, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.”*

GRANT APPLICATION “MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND APPLICATION – MANNING DESIGN

Marlies Manning was present to present to the board her proposal for preparing a development grant application and graphics for the Stone Fish Hatchery Project. There was a discussion to only include the Stone Fish Hatchery Grant application Civil engineer allowance and not the acquisition grant.

Items of discussion were:

1. Recreation needs
2. Positive points
 - trail head for White Pine Train
 - Stone Hatchery building
 - Picnic shelter
 - Water
3. Go to foundations for matching money
4. Dave Borth - database for other grants
5. Grant deadline April 1st
6. Need to get started this fall
7. 25% minimum match needed higher match is better
8. Public hearings and meetings
9. In-kind labor

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by J. Peek to approve the proposal from Manning Design- Marlies Manning for the DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION: STONE HATCHERY PARK, PHASE 1 TO THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND, Stone Fish Hatchery Grant Application \$2,880.00

Civil engineer allowance \$ 500.00

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant

(Reimbursable allowance (postage, mileage, reproductions): \$150.00 was not broken down and was mistakenly not included in the above motion. It will have to be approved next month.)

Marlies Manning recommended the Park & Recreation Committee look for foundation grants.

PARIS PARK POND

J. Peek reported the Mecosta County Park Commission is investigating estimates for the repair of front ponds wall and capping the existing sidewalk.

HAND BOOK PURCHASE

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to purchase four copies of the Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships and one copy of the Treasurer’s guide. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

NEWCOSTA AVENUE

J. Peek reported he talked with the Mecosta County Road Commission and this issue will require the DEQ to look at it along with Newaygo County. We should have the status in 30 – 60 days.

SEWER LIFTSTATION INCIDENT - HIT & RUN ACCIDENT POWER OUTAGE AND PHONE LINE OUT

J. Peek reported he had been notified Saturday morning October 11, 2008 at about 11:20 a.m. of a problem at the sewer lift station, where the power panel had been hit by a vehicle earlier that morning. Denny Vandawater the township Operations and Maintenance person was contacted. Contractors and utility personnel were call in to get the system running. The lift station wet well had to be pumped and hauled to the wastewater treatment plant until power was restored (5 loads). No backups had occurred into any sewer customer homes or businesses.

Contractors used were Wright and Allers Septic services, J & C Electric, Consumers Power, & AT&T.

Other recommendations were to move the new panel over, additional guardrails, installing additional cement barriers and install the phone line underground.

Denny Vandawater O&M person will coordinate repairs.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater submitted the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

9/01/08-10/02/08

Reading-----110585980

Total Flow-----841170

Average daily flow-----27135

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008

ELECTION

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by G. Todd to appoint the following as election inspectors for the November 4, 2008 election. **MOTION CARRIED 7 YES**

Lisa Burch, Nancy Campau, Kim Chapman, Connie Cooley, Kristyn Jernstadt, Carol Kailing, Pat Moore, Margaret Owens, Joan Pekrul, Sondra Taylor, Cheryl Thomas, Richard Thomas, Doris Wells, Monai Winter, Cheryl Gordon, George Monty

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Wellnitz, Waldron, Peek, Clark, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant**

10/14/2008						
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						\$ -
101-276-702	101-276-702 CEMETERY WAGES MOWIN	\$ 11,916.95	\$ 11,417.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 11,967.00	\$ 50.05
from	FROM					
101-276-704	101-276-704 CEMETERY HOURLY	\$ 588.32	\$ 2,700.00	\$ (550.00)	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,561.68

PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. Todd remarked on the Old Stone Hatchery and that he and his grandson walked the property and

commented on its uniqueness.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Todd, Grant, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.

GENERAL FUND 10/15/08-10/14/08 CK # 8782 - 8826 \$20,099.61

GREEN SEWER FUND 10/14/08-10/14/08 CK # 2419- 2429 \$12,587.47

WILDFLOWER ENTRANCE – CEDAR FENCE

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to install a cedar fence at the entrance to the wildflower path entrance.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.

There was a discussion on purchasing a sign to mount at the lift station “when light is flashing – call 911”.

BRUSH CUTTER

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to purchase a brush cutter from Voelker Implements as recommended for trimming FS 450k **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant

ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

Janet Clark, Township Clerk