

GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HELD A SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.

Board members in attendance were J. Peek, J. Clark, R. Baldwin, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, N. Stephan, B. Waldron-absent

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor B. Baldwin who led the board with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

This meeting was called to review the Green Charter Township sewer User Charge Version # 8 "maybe Final Revision –November 2, 2009".

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported he has reviewed the eighth version of the Sewer User Charge from the City of Big Rapids and the agenda for the Big Rapids City Commission meeting for tonight November 2, 2009.

Items of discussion were:

1. Need to have attorney J. White at the City Commission meeting with our board.
2. Concern with any adoption of the User Charge version #8 due to number of issues not correct.
3. Green Township's contract term listed in report is 5 years short, it is 45 years.
4. Table 1 - should be 2008 numbers.
5. Wrongfully includes depreciation greater than 20 years and replacement fund costs, can't do both.
6. Bonded structures can't be written off as expense.
7. Administrative costs, attorney costs too high.
8. Waste water plant 4,480,000 capital assets, should not be included in sewer budget costs, fully bonded expenses can not be as an annual expense.
9. Need accounting, paper trail, for sewer replacement money.
10. Where were the fines paid from? Replacement fund?
11. Bjornsen expansion removed table 4.
12. Riverwalk removed table 4.
13. ACO cost share included.
14. Propose \$3.80 to the City Commission at tonight's meeting.
15. Township hasn't received financial reports.
16. Township can agree to (2.52% of 1/3) ACO in this version.
17. Replacement & depreciation questions
18. East side West side includes Ice Mountain in flows.
19. Ratio for West side question.
20. City 83.38% Big Rapids Twp. 12.98% - Green 3.68%
21. Table 18 treatment allocation numbers shifted.
22. Agree on debt rate of 52 cents
23. Question \$60,000 planning cost, \$5,700. insurance deductible and attorney's extra costs and could be more questions.
24. How should we proceed? Right now within 11 cents in agreement for the current Usercharge, City has \$3.91 versus Green Charter Township has \$3.80
25. Discussion on compromising.
26. 2009-2010 user charge rates will go up when construction is finished when we will be paying principal and interest.
27. Need true actual accounting not budget numbers.
28. Review of 5 years audited reports of 2004-2008 revealed surpluses of \$1.8 million dollars, where has this been spent?
29. User rate should be kept to revenue neutral.

The board reviewed the proposed ordinance submitted for City Commission meeting. Expressed concern with adopting a document with a large of numbers false figures/information, does that mean one is accepting the incorrect numbers? When will the 30-60-90 rates stop "terminate the month after the bonding"?

Resolution RE: User Charge System Report on 2009-2010 of the City of Big Rapids. When will figures be made accurate, bonded money, construction estimate, 30-60-90 rates your admitting that you are accepting false figures. Where will the inaccuracies lead, discussion of bonded, estimated upgrade. Use of lack consistent accurate figures questioned. Board shouldn't agree to this. Gentlemen agreement on 30-60-90 nothing ever signed by townships, each board did their own. City's rate structure is still in question.

Green Charter Township could force the issue and have sewer usage check for the 3th quarter at meeting with adjustments on the 30-60-90 removal and new agreed amount of 52 cents debt charge included in this payment.

The joint resolution still needs more work by attorneys.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to take the check for the 3rd quarter sewer user charge, with the explanation attachment.

Check amount of \$6,192.99.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron-absent

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to have township attorney attend the City Commission meeting with Green Township's board Monday night November 2, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT Waldron-absent, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

Other items of discussion were:

DEQ fines and payment cost share.

Use of audited numbers not budget numbers in the User Charge rate calculations, even if we have to change the calendar month time line for annual User Charge report completion.

Revenue neutral budget legal requirement

Question about Prein Newhoff additional engineering study.

New plant manager – Jack Frasher

Request for timely notification on future violations.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to adjourn. Motion carried.

6 yes 1 absent. At 11:05 a.m.

Janet Clark, Clerk

Green Charter Township