

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. DECEMBER 12, 2006. THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

**THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.**

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

**MINUTES**

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular November 14, 2006 board meeting.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the November 14, 2006 with the correction to add “request the amount of \$30,000.00 from the developers”.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

The clerk presented the minutes of the special meeting of November 30, 2006

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the November 30, 2006 meeting with the correction added - (proposed plan in two phases, Northland Drive, 19 Mile to expressway, down 220th Avenue from 19 Mile to 18 Mile. The second phase would be across the expressway on 19 Mile Road).

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

12-07-06 General fund balance	\$623,645.51
12-07-06 Sewer fund balance	\$411,795.48

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

Treasurer C. Chipman also reported a small cd in the sewer fund come up for renewal Dec. 30, 2006.

**SEWER REPORT**

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

10/31/06 - 11/30/06

Reading-----89873230

Total Flow-----911810

Average daily flow----- 30394

Denny reported he check out the odor complaint and found no problem.

All is working fine.

**SEWER**

**USERCHARGE**

It was reported a meeting with the township attorney James White, representing both Big Rapids Township and Green Charter Township, will work on the user charge agreement, questioning the increased cost share of the township.

### **SEWER EXTENSION**

The following are issues discussed concerning the utility extension out 19 Mile & 220<sup>th</sup>.

1. Supervisor reported the attorney recommended one or two people from the township board work with the City of Big Rapids, attorney and engineers on a possible agreement.
2. 425 agreement possibilities, not to include terms of annexation.
3. Future areas of extension.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to appoint Trustee - James Peek and John Wellnitz as the two representatives to negotiate with the City of Big Rapids for utility extension in Green Charter Township.

There was a discussion. The clerk presented to the board a memo of question and concern from property owners and township residents and possible project development outline for review. Bob Baldwin deputy clerk ask about possible perception of conflict of interest James Peek explained he is confident that no conflict of interest would occur with him negotiating with the City of Big Rapids on the utility extension project out to 19 Mile Road and 220<sup>th</sup> Avenue as he being employed by the City of Big Rapids. He is 100% comfortable and would resign his position at the city if a conflict would happen.

Property owner Mr. McDonald lives near the area of development, also works for the city and expressed concern to the city manager, who indicated, under no circumstance will this project effect his employment at the city. Expressing need for more than two people appointed to committee.

Continued discussion on the following points:

1. All question of both boards need to answered.
2. Whole board to make decisions.
3. Suggested by attorney to sewer committee that this project is almost impossible on connection fees alone.
4. Need separate cost figures for water and sewer.
5. Big Rapids Township presently under the industrial grant.
6. Need to keep people informed
7. Proposed outline
8. Questions of the board.
9. Private systems?
10. Commitment from developers with escrow dollars?
11. Percentage of cost share to township and developer?

### **MOTION ON THE TABLE**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to appoint Trustee - James Peek and John Wellnitz as the two representatives to negotiate an agreement with the City of Big Rapids for utility extension in Green Charter Township.

**MOTION CARRIED, 5 YES, 2 NO-** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, - yes, Clark,-no, Peek, yes, Waldron,-no.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Robert Horan was present to speak to the township board expressing his interest and concern for the governmental units to work together for the growth of the community including new arenas of finance of what is possible.

Resident Craig McDonald concern for current residents.

### **DISCHARGE OF FIREARM**

Resident Roger Carroll brought it to the attention of the board there was a discharge of a firearm the first day of hunting close to the old stone hatchery building. There was a discussion.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to post no hunting signs at the hatchery site and hall property grounds. **MOTION CARRIED.** 7 yes Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant.

**BUGET AMENDMENT**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
<b>SEWER FUND</b>						\$ -
590-000-826	PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ 9,345.90	\$ 5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,654.10
	from					
590-000-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 431.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 10,431.00	\$ 10,431.00

**BUDGET WORK SESSION**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to hold the budget work session January 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HALL RENTAL DEPOSIT**

At one of the hall rentals, the stove was chipped in a very small area. The treasurer repaired it with paint from the retailer, at no charge. Since it was so minute the consensus of the board was to treat as wear & tear of facility.

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO JOHN ELTON TODD**

The Charter Township of Green presented a certificate of appreciation to past township trustee and county commissioner – John Elton Todd for 34 years of community service.

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to approve payment of the following bills:

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

**GENERAL FUND** 12-12-06 CK # 7898 - 7930 \$19,559.15

**GREEN SEWER FUND** 12-12-06 CK # 2188 - 2201 \$ 4,066.20

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by C. Chipman to adjourn. 8:40 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

Janet Clark, Township Clerk