

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. DECEMBER 13, 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 11-08- 2011.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the November 08, 2011

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

The clerk presented the minutes of the 11-21-2011 Park & Recreation Committee meeting.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by N. Stephan to accept the minutes of the November 21, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

The clerk presented the minutes of the 11-22-2011 special meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the November 22, 2011

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

12-08-11 General fund balance \$415,465.77

12-08-11 Sewer fund balance \$515,943.05

General fund receipts- \$6,435.1

Sewer fund receipts - \$702.63

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**

SEWER REPORT

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

Reading-----142853550

Total Flow-----787230

Average daily flow-----27146

Waiting for an update on the generator rebuild quote from Straub.

ASSESSING REPORT

The assessing report for November from assessor E. Spalo, was received.

GAS COSTS FOR TOWNSHIP HALL – VOLUNTEER ENERGY- NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER

Billy Allers was in attendance to discuss with the township board the options for the natural gas to be used at the township hall. There was a discussion;

Savings in cost approximately 13%

80% of the natural gas comes from Michigan

30 days to show up as supplier on DTE billing

No cancellation fee

Volunteer Energy is only calling on businesses offering their option for natural gas, homeowners may also sign up by referrals from businesses.

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by J. Chapman to change the gas supplier for the township hall to Volunteer Energy. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

ROADS

220th Avenue bridge project complete.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the Mecosta County Road Commission invoice for the 220th Ave Bridge - \$35,650.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Chapman, Clark, Peek, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

NEWCOSTA AVENUE –CULVERTS AT WALLACE PROPERTY

This culvert replacement and repair project at the Wallace property location on Newcosta north of 19 Mile Rd. has been completed by the Mecosta Co. Road Commission.

There was a discussion on the bridge closed on Spruce Road. Trustee J. Chapman viewed the bridge and it appears it has washed out around the structure. The question was asked how many bridges are in Green Township. It was suggested we check with the Mecosta Co. Road Commission.

WEST CEMETERY TREE REMOVAL

Two bids have been received for the large tree removal in West Cemetery.

Wilkinson Quality Tree Service - \$1,825.00

Leroy's Tree Service - \$2,000.00

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by D. MacFarlane to hire the lowest bidder- Wilkinson Quality Tree Service for \$1,825.00 to remove the tree at West Cemetery.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES ABSTAIN. Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark(abstain), Chapman, Peek.

FLEIS & VANDENBRINK – MDOT TE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE STONE HATCHERY & NORTHLAND DRIVE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

The contract has been received to sign approval was ratified at the November 22 special meeting.

BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULED IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 4, 2012 AT 10 A.M.

TAX –FORECLOSED PROPERTY TITLE TRANSFER

Notice has been received from the Dept. of Treasury: The title to 54-01-054-106-000 the parcel will transfer to the township on December 30 unless the township objects in writing, to any or all of them before then. Objection must be sent to the State Property Services Division, via U.S. mail. The township will have to pay the back taxes (\$1,068.91).

MOTION was made by J. Chapman and supported by J. Peek to accept the tax-foreclosed property (not to object to ownership of the property in Stonehouse Shore (54-01-054-106-000).

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

INCOME GUIDELINES FOR POVERTY PROPERTY EXEMPTION 2012

There was a discussion on the on the poverty property exemption for 2012.

MOTION WAS made by J. Peek and supported by J. Chapman to approve to continue with the rate of 2011 for the year of 2012. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

Poverty Guidelines for 2012 Tax Year Family Unit Adjusted Income as follows:

- Family of 1 \$14,560
- Family of 2 \$19,600
- Family of 3 \$24,640
- Family of 4 \$29,680
- Family of 5 \$34,720
- Family of 6 \$39,760
- Family of 7 \$44,800
- Family of 8 \$49,840
- Additional Person \$5,040

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

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

12/13/2011							
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW BUDGET	AMENDED BALANCE	
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>							
101-751-818	PARK & REC.CONTRACTUAL	\$ 3,165.00	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 3,165.00	\$ -	
from							
101-751-702	REC & PARK WAGES	\$ 22.51	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ 500.00	\$ 477.49	
101-11-900	PRINTING & PUBLISHING	\$ 6,841.57	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 7,050.00	\$ 208.43	
from					\$ -	\$ -	
101-101-972	LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (550.00)	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,450.00	
101-265-724	TOWNSHIP HALL INTERNET S	\$ 998.76	\$ 560.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 46.24	
from							
101-265-930	TOWNSHIP HALL REPAIRS &	\$ 1,321.10	\$ 3,800.00	\$ (485.00)	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 1,993.90	

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

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

GENERAL FUND 11/10/11-12/13/11 CK #10353 - #10395 \$56,459.49

GREEN SEWER FUND 11/1011 - 12/13/11 CK # 2824 - #2834 \$2,231.00

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk