

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER DECEMBER 14, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M. 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
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular November 09, 2010 board meeting.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the November 09, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

12-09-10 General fund balance	\$417,547.73
21-09-10 Sewer fund balance	\$477,458.06

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 fund CD up for renewal.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

11/01/10- 11/01/10

Reading-----1322870970

Total Flow-----825350

Average daily flow-----27512

All is working fine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS

NOISE ORDINANCE

Mr. Coburn addressed the board concerning the noise ordinance distance issue.

There was a discussion on the following: asked for comments, enforcement issue, real need, will take time to prepare for adoption and will be put the ballot for a vote by the public.

TAX BILLS –

The Supervisor reported he received information from County Commissioner Kevin Courtney that he and Paul Bullock-Count Administrator, will be in Lansing Dec. 15, 2010 when the Senate convenes to pass the bill on Mecosta County's tax millage issue. It would need to be passed with immediate effect and then be signed by the governor.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

Mr. Courtney also reported to the supervisor the County Commissioners will at the December 16 meeting, at the courthouse, will be voting on the first phase of transferring Mecosta County General Hospital to Spectrum.

They will also be addressing the shooting in Paris and the Paris Motel.

MTA EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Reminder January 26-28, 2011

INTERNET

The Supervisor submitted to the board a letter from the Board of Commissioners of Mecosta County agreeing in concept the township use of the County Property in Green Township for a township owned wireless broadband tower. Bob also reported he is continuing to check other locations.

The board scheduled a public meeting on High Speed Internet for the township here at the township hall January 10, 2010 7:00 p.m., the purpose of the meeting is to bring the public up to date on the possible options, issues, and preliminary cost factors. The meeting will be noticed by postings, The Pioneer, the township website and word of mouth.

SNOWPLOWING

The following bids were received, opened and read.

1. B&N Lawn Care & Snow Plowing \$50.00 per hour
2. M&M Lawn Care \$70.00 per cleaning
3. New Horizon Landscape \$45.00
4. Aqua Springs \$45.00

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the bid from New Horizon Landscape - \$45.00 per plowing

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

ROADS 2011 - WISH LIST PROJCT

1. 205TH Avenue between Spruce and 19 Mile Road
2. Round Lake Road between 190th and 180th
3. 220th Avenue Bridge replacement
4. Culverts by Ralph Wallace property on Newcosta Rd
5. 23 Mile Road to Coon Pit evaluate and recommend

The Supervisor, and trustees Peek and Todd attended the Mecosta County Road Commission meeting 12-14-2010 and reported the Road Commission is closing the bridge on 220th Avenue just south of 22 Mile Road, unsafe for traffic. They will be looking into grant money for this project.

The Supervisor reported the intersection at 18 Mile and Shamrock Blvd. has been completed.

BUDGET WORK SESSION SCHEDULED FOR – January 3, 2011 10:00 a.m. township hall.

BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED FOR 4-1-2011-3-31-2012 BUDGET – January 11, 2011 6:30 p.m. township hall.

WORKERS COMPENSATION SELF-INSURANCE FUND – PROPOSALS

Correspondence has been received from MTA in regards to a “MTA Workers’ Compensation Self-Insurance Fund”. There was a discussion indicating we may hear more on this issue at the MTA conference in January. Policy period is July 1 – June 30.

HALL USE

Property owner Linda Sweet will be renting the township hall for a Ronald McDonald fund raiser one weekend a month for a year and asked if an attendee could park their camper at the hall over night. There was a discussion and the board recommended they park at the Hatchery site.

MISS DIG

Information has been received from Miss Dig Systems, Inc. explaining that “a municipality that maintains underground facilities is required by state law to be a MISS DIG Member.

There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to participate in membership of MISS DIG at the cost of \$16.30 per month. **MOTION CARRIED.** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Waldron, Peek

FIRE CONTRACT

The fire contract with the City of Big Rapids is up for renewal April 1, 2011.

Supervisor Bob Baldwin, Trustees Gary Todd and Jim Peek volunteered to work as a committee negotiating the fire contract.

SUNDAY MORNING LIQUOR SALES

The supervisor reported the County Commissioners have already opted out for the Sunday morning sale of beer, wine, spirits and mixed drinks. The board recommended the township send a letter to the County Commissioners concurring with the County Commissioners decision of prohibiting Sunday morning sale of beer, wine, spirits and mixed drinks.

PARK BRIDGE PICTURES

Examples of bridges for the park were distributed for review. N. Stephan recommended copies be sent to the Park & Recreation Committee. There was a discussion and suggested the board continue looking at bridges.

TAX COLLECTION LATE FEE RESCINDED

There was a discussion on the 3% late fee after February 14th.

MOTION was made by B. Baldwin and supported by J. Peek to rescind the 2010 3% late on property taxes paid to the township between February 14 and February 28th.

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

CEMETERY WINTER BURIAL

The consensus of the board was to set the cutoff date of December 1st for winter burials.

SUMMER TAX COLLECTION BIG RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to collect the summer taxes for the Big Rapids Public Schools. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

BANQUET ROOM TABLES & CHAIRS

There was a discussion on purchasing additional tables & chairs. No decision was made.

STORAGE ROOM SHELVING

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to accept the \$1,354.75 bid from Great Lakes Office Supply for the shelving in the new records storage room. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Peek, Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan.

PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

There was a discussion on the home invasion in Paris and the residents at the Paris Motel.

BUILDING & ZONING

The supervisor reported he has received some requests from residents that the township might consider looking at the possibility of the township have its own building & zoning department.

MOARC – REQUEST TO USE FACILITY IN EMERGENCY

The consensus of the board was to allow Hope Network/MOARC to use the township hall in an emergency for their clients and workers, if it is available.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENT

The supervisor recommended the following members to the Board of Review Richard Thomas, Gail Wyatt, Kyle Randall, and Doug Fitzgerald as alternate. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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, Waldron, Peek

GENERAL FUND 11/16 /2010-12/14/2010 CK # 9866 - #9898 \$15,689.49

GREEN SEWER FUND 10/12/10 Ck # 2701-2778 \$1,820.53

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 8:05 P.M.

Janet Clark, Clerk