

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. FEBRUARY 14, 2006.
THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.

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

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular January 10, 2006 a board meeting.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of January 10, 2006 meeting. Motion carried 6 yes 1 absent.

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular January 10, 2006 a budget hearing.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to accept the minutes of January 10, 2006 budget hearing. Motion carried 6 yes 1 absent.

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular January 4, 2006 a budget work session.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of January 4, 2006 budget work session. Motion carried 6 yes 1 absent.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

2-09-06 General Fund, balance \$669,976.46

2-09-06 Green Charter Township Sewer Fund \$405,487.85

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the Treasurer's report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED.** 6 yes 1 absent.

One CD matured and was renewed at Chemical at 4.75%

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Township as follows:

1-01-06 – 1-31-006

Reading-----79934890

Total flow-----1076640

Average daily flow-----34730

All is working well.

Denny reported the inspection was done on lot #54 and connected on the 23rd.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUNKAGE CONNECTION FEE - SUNRISE HAVEN

STEVE FENSTERMACHER

Correspondence from the township attorney Richard A. Wendt explaining his opinion on the township sewer ordinance trunkage connection fee has been received.

“Per section 804 of the Township's sewer use ordinance, connection fees are due and payable and collected for new construction at the time a building permit is issued for the building or structure. Connection fees are different then special assessments which are a lien on the property and usually require payment when property exchanges hands – the new owner or its bank usually doesn't want to accept the property with a lien on it. Connection fees are not a lien on the property, but instead must be paid before the property may receive sewer service.”

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to follow the interpretation of the township attorney in section 804 of the township sewer ordinance, connection fees.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent. Grant-absent, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

19 MILE ROAD SANITARY SEWER EXTENSION

The Sewer Committee reported they had reviewed the letter from Williams & Works letter of January 3, 2006, with information compiled on the feasibility, potential phasing and estimated costs and service areas by extending sanitary sewer service westerly from Northland Drive along 19 Mile Road; the modifications differ slightly from the sewer extension evaluated in the Sewer Master Plan along 19 Mile Road.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to follow up on the 19 mile sewer extension, funding, special assessment district, Grants, bonding attorney.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT - Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant-absent

PARKS AND RECREATION DRAFT ACTION PLAN

Marlies Manning was present to add more information to the “Draft Recreation Master Plan”.

Items of discussion were:

1. Review of Goals & Objectives
2. Charlie Brown Park long term lease (425)
3. Charlie Brown Park survey
4. Topographical maps
5. Manchester Park inclusion into plan – possible co-operative agreement
6. Timeline changes for projects

Next steps are to finish document adjustments, make copies available for public review. Schedule public hearing.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

WATER WELLHEAD RELIABILITY STUDY OF THE WATER SYSTEM SERVING THE CITY OF BIG RAPIDS AND GREEN TOWNSHIP.

Correspondence has been received and placed on file January 13, & 25 letters from the City of Big Rapids.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUSE WASTE

A larger amount of household hazardous waste is being collected and costs are getting higher.

Resource assessment survey of all residents and landowners in Mecosta County was distributed and recommended to complete.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HALL TRASH PICKUP

Notification has been received of the rate increase for trash pickup at the township. The board recommended the waste haulers be sent another letter on the franchise fee due and to also check other rates.

GENERATOR

James Chipman was present to discuss with the board the possibility of installing an emergency generator at the township hall. There was discussion on the following:

1. Automatic transfer switch
2. Diesel or gas generator (Mr. Chipman recommends Diesel)
3. Fuel storage tank under unit
4. Running capacity 24 hours on full tank
5. Battery backup for computers to run 15 minutes
6. Installation fees
7. Warranty contract additional
8. Include phone system on backup
9. View generator at Chemical Bank
10. Enclosure building

MOTION was made by C. Chipman and supported by B. Waldron to appoint J. Clark, J. Peek, G. Todd and J. Chipman as the building and ground committee to proceed with the steps to procure bids for a building, and installation of a generator for the township hall.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES. 1 ABSENT

KITCHEN ELECTRIC

There was a discussion on the problem renters have with the circuits in the kitchen when using several appliances.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to proceed with installation of 4 new outlets of 20 amp circuits for the kitchen not to exceed \$800.00.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT Grant- absent, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.

SBC

The clerk reported the phone line no longer needed because of cable connection for the internet has been disconnected. And the township is on the "Local Usage Saver plan".

COMPUTER – TREASURER’S OFFICE

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by B. Waldron to purchase a new 64 bit network based computing system form Aqua Springs- Bob Baldwin- for the price of \$875.00.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent. Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant-absent

OLD COMPUTERS

There was a discussion on what the township would be doing with the old computers. Suggestions were to cleanup and possibly use seniors or donate to charity.

UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by J. Clark to purchase a new utility billing program for the treasurer from BS&A for \$2,595.00.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent. Grant-absent, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

MECOSTA COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR

Ms. Kirshman has asked the board if the township would wish the county equalization department to add to their website the building information from the property record cards. The assessment card information is one of the most requested items.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to allow the county equalization department to add to their website the building information from the property records of Green Charter Township. And to send a letter to Ms. Kirshman.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.

MECOSTA COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT WAIVER REQUEST POLICY

The Mecosta County resolution stating that the any future requests for a waiver of Building Department permit fees will be denied by the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners.

AUGUST 8, 2006 BOARD MEETING

The clerk brought it to the attention of the board that the August 8, 2006 regular board meeting is on the August primary day.

MOTION WAS MADE BY J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to re-schedule the August board meeting to August 9, 2006 7:30 pm, because of the primary election.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT Grant-absent, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

2/14/2006

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
<u>101-101-800</u>	BOARD CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ 609.14	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 190.86
<u>from 101-101-726</u>	from BOARD OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 955.89	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (200.00)	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 344.11
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
<u>101-101-870</u>	MILEAGE	\$ 939.93	\$ 800.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 160.07
<u>from 101-101-960</u>	from EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 2,344.01	\$ 4,500.00	\$ (300.00)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 1,855.99

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to approve payment of the following bills:

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent. Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant

GREEN GENERAL FUND CK # 7489 THROUGH #7525 \$ 13,972.42

GREEN SEWER FUND CK # 2068 THROUGH #2080 \$ 2,127.28

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by B. Waldron to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent 9:40 p.m.

JANET CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK