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**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. MARCH 13, 2007. 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 March 13, 2007 board meeting.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes,**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the summaries of the Joint Committee for Infrastructure of Green Charter Township and City of Big Rapids meetings of February 7, 2007 and February 21, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

### TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

3-07-07 General fund balance	\$740,311.05
3-07-07 Sewer fund balance	\$428,880.35

**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 Carolyn Chipman reported CD's maturing in general fund and sewer fund 3-31-07 and also in April.

Revenue sharing figures for April 1, 2006 thru March 31, 1007 were presented by the treasurer.

**MOTION WAS** made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept and place in the minutes the revenue sharing report. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

### SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was absent.

The sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

2/1/07 -2/28 /07 (recv. 3-14-07)

Reading-----92645520

Total Flow-----830610

Average daily flow-----30763

The clerk reported there was again a fluctuation in the sew lift station electric bill. There was a discussion that possibly may be because of reading date or estimate reading by Consumers.

### SEWER EXTENSION 19 MILE & 220<sup>TH</sup>

Trustee J. Peek reported:

1. Committee met with the developers who proposed to meet more frequent.
2. Time table was established.
3. Meeting change to March 28 9 a.m. Green Charter Township.
4. Had meeting with Big Rapids Township no commitments.
5. Williams & Works will review with Big Rapids Township engineer Wade-Trim about their water system.

Trustee Gary Todd asked about developers committing to money up front. There was a discussion. The board needs more cost information on development.

### **APPOINTMENT OF NEW TOWNSHIP TREASURER**

**MOTION WAS** made by Gary Todd and supported by James Peek to appoint Denise MacFarlane as the new Green Charter Township treasure to replace the retiring Carolyn M. Chipman.

Effective April 1, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes** Grant, Todd, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

The board welcomed her to the Green Charter Township Board.

### **TOWNHALL PARK BIDS**

J. Clark, clerk reported the notice for bids for the Townhall Park was published

The calendar schedule for the Townhall Park Bids was presented.

#### **Townhall park calendar schedule for bids**

Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - Draft of bid documents from Marlies to committee.

March 5<sup>th</sup> - Publish notice in Pioneer

March 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. Committee meeting. To review park bid documents.

March 8<sup>th</sup> - Committee review comments back to Marlies.

March 12<sup>th</sup> - Bid documents ready as advertised ready to be picked up after 12 p.m.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 2:00 p.m All bids received by.

April 5<sup>th</sup> - Park & Recreation committee open and review bids to recommend to township board 7:00 P.M.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Board accepts bid - regular board meeting 7:30 p.m.

### **PETITIONING FOR A PRIVATE ROAD DETERMINED TO BE A PUBLIC HIGHWAY**

Correspondence has received from Mrs. Fryover regarding a request for streets in the Maplewood Subdivision, Green Charter Township, and Section 27 platted in 1972, streets Diane Street, James Street and Harvey Street changed to public highway. There was a discussion and according to the opinion from their attorney, the property owners needed to petition the circuit court. No action was taken.

### **STREET LIGHTS**

A petition has been received for a street light at 23 Mile Road and Northland Drive.

There was a discussion about existing power line locations of Consumer Energy and Great Lakes Energy.

**MOTION WAS** made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to have a street light installed at 23 Mile Road and Northland Drive by Great Lakes Energy at the cost of \$500.00

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

**MOTION WAS** made by G. Todd and supported by C. Chipman to have the street light installed at Meceola Road and Northland Drive, 20 Mile Road and Northland Drive and Coolidge and Northland Drive at the cost of \$100.00 per light.

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

### **ROADS**

A petition (34 signatures) has been received to put on the list for consideration of road construction. The petition requests 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue (public road), north of Hoover Road to Indian Village Road (private road) be blacktopped at a future date. There was a discussion, and it will be put on the list.

### **2007 DUST CONTROL CONTRACT**

2007 Dust Control Contract proposed has been received from the Mecosta County Road Commission. "Due to rising costs of fuel and maintaining roads and the need to repair/upgrade Dust Control Equipment with stagnant revenues", they are asking the township to help in the brining program.

**MOTION WAS** made by C. Chipman and supported by J. Peek to approve the 2007 DUST CONTROL CONTRACT WITH MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION, FOR ONE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION AT THE COST OF \$100.00 PER MILE ON 32 MILES. \$3200.00 PER APPLICATION.

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS**

Trustee Gary Todd asked for permission from the township board to use community service workers for township projects in the cemeteries, parks, and cleanup day.

**MOTION** was made by B. Waldron and supported by J. Peek to use community service workers for township projects in the cemeteries, parks, and cleanup day. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

**CABLE FRANCHISE ISSUES**

Information has been received from the law office of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones concerning *the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, 2006 PA480. The Act Provides very short deadlines for review.*

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to allow the clerk to contact attorney Mika Meyers when the new franchise agreement or notice of termination arrives.

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

**YEAR END MARCH 31, 2007 BILLS**

**MOTION** was made by Peek and supported by Todd to allow the treasurer and clerk to pay the year end bills for March 31, 2007 budget year end.

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

**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,** Chipman, Todd, Grant, Wellnitz, Clark. Peek, Waldron

**GENERAL FUND** 3-13-07 CK # 7996 - 8029 \$13,947.43

**GREEN SEWER FUND** 3-13-07 CK # 2223 - 2232 \$ 2,490.73

**APPRECIATION – TO CAROLYN M. CHIPMAN - RETIRING TOWNSHIP TREASURE**

The supervisor presented to retiring Carolyn M. Chipman, treasurer a certificate of appreciation for the years of service to the township from October 1990 through March 2007.

Carolyn Chipman thanked the board for the enjoyable years on the township board.

C. Chipman asked for approval from the board to allow her to proceed to get the newly appointed treasurer Denise MacFarlane on all the accounts.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to allow C. Chipman to proceed to get the newly appointed treasurer Denise MacFarlane on all the accounts.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes.**

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by C. Chipman to adjourn. 8:23 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

Janet Clark, Township Clerk