

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. MARCH 08, 2005.
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
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES PEEK,	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE - ABSENT

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular February 08, 2005 a board meeting
MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of February 08, 2005 meeting. Motion carried 6 yes 1 absent.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

3-02-05 General Fund, balance \$735,628.79

3-02-05 Green Charter Township Sewer Fund \$379,769.74

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.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Township as follows:

1-28-05 to 3-02-05

Reading-----68180700

Total flow-----1136950

Average daily flow-----34453

All is working well.

D. Vandawater reported he will check with Steve Fenstermacher on the connection inspection.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER CONNECTION INTO FORCE MAIN ON SHERIDAN

Don Greiner and Steve Sobers were present to discuss with the township sewer connection into Green Township's force main.

Items of discussion were the following:

1. New subdivision in Big Rapids Township off Madison in the hills of Mitchell Creek.
2. Proposed 50 homes with the need of water and sewer.
3. What is total length in Green's line past the entry at their lift station?
4. City proposed to maintain force main of Green's past this new lift station.
5. Sewer system is in need of new customers.
6. They will copy map of proposed area for Green Township.
7. Board will consult with engineers and attorney.

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. –

REQUEST PERMISSION TO CROSS TOWNSHIP CEMETERY LAND TO CONDUCT SEISMIC SURVEY

Brian M. Collin was present to answer question in regards to the request to cross Parkhill Cemetery with line to conduct a seismic survey. There was concern and discussion of need for sensitivity to families of persons buried in the cemetery.

Points of discussion were:

1. No charges are to be set off on the cemetery property, but may be very close.
2. All surrounding property owners have already given permission.
3. C. Chipman as a property owner 10 years ago had a bad experience with a seismic survey which shook house.
4. Mr. Collin indicated the line will not be put over stones or grave sites.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Clark to allow Cimarex Energy to cross Parkhill cemetery for a seismic survey, **with no shots to be set on this property.**

Yes: 3

No: 3

Absent: 1

There was a tie vote.

There was continued discussion.

J. Peek expressed concern for the potential of someone seeing this being done and has a problem with it.

Mr. Collin indicated the township will be notified of dates when this would be done.

J. Clark suggested the township put a notice of this request in the paper to let the people know it will be addressed again at the April Meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by J. Peek to table this seismic survey line issue until the April meeting after it has been noticed in the paper. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

OLD BUSINESS

MEDICAL INSURANCE

Clerk, J. Clark reported after checking with the auditor in regards to medical insurance compensation, the dollars designated for medical insurance are liable to withholding taxes unless it was the township's own medical insurance policy.

The other issue would be if it is salary liable to withholdings, does the township have to pay pension on this payroll money also? Clark will check with Burnham & Flower and the auditor. C. Chipman suggested if so an adjustment should be made.

218 AGREEMENT

The clerk distributed the Official referendum ballot to adopt the 218 agreement with the State of Michigan and the Social Security Administration and Medicare, and secrecy envelope for the board to place the ballots. The board voted and returned the ballot to the clerk who then opened and counted the ballots. Results as follows:

RE: Certification of Results of Referendum

Pursuant to your authorization dated January 3, 2005 to Green Charter Township to conduct a referendum among the employees who are members of the retirement system of Green Charter Township on the question of whether services in positions covered by the retirement system shall be excluded or included under the agreement entered into by the State of Michigan and the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to section 218 of the Social Security Act, I hereby certify:

1. That such referendum, by secret ballot, was held on March 8, 2004
2. An opportunity to vote in such referendum was given, and was limited to the eligible employees (as defined in section 218(d)(3) of the Act) of the retirement system.
3. Not less than 90 day notice of such referendum was given to all such employees, and all employees were thoroughly advised as to the conditions upon which Social Security coverage might be offered to them.
4. Such referendum was conducted under the supervision of the Green Charter Township Board.

5. **That 7** employees were determined to be eligible voters; **1 voter was absent**, that **6** votes were cast in the balloting; that 6 votes, representing 85% of the total number of eligible voters were cast in favor of including services in positions covered by said retirement system under the agreement entered in to by the State of Michigan and the Commissioner of Social Security pursuant to section 218 of the Social Security Act.

We, therefore, respectfully request that you certify to the Commissioner of Social Security that such referendum has been held by Green Charter Township.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk

STONE HATCHERY PARK

The Certificate of Survey has been received from Wetherell Land Surveying. There was a discussion and Wetherell will come and show the board where the markers are and boundary lines upon request. The suggested the survey cost be split between township hall and park property for future reference in any grant applications on matching funds.

The clerk presented to the board the reports from the Stone Hatchery Park Advisory Committee from March 3, 2005.

Stone Hatchery Park Advisory Committee

Ideas generated from March 3, 2005 Meeting

Discussion surrounding the “do something now” approach. Proposed ideas are:

Mowing

Peel back top soil (replace with top fill, if needed)

Fix/replace the gate and use the gate as signage to indicate movement in the restoration of the park; possibly create stone pillars at/as the gate entrance

Hold a summer event in the park to let everyone know that progress is being made in the restoration of the park

Explore the possibility of moving some of the troughs currently inside the building to the grounds as park benches (troughs are turned upside down)

Other ideas,

Building:

Undertake repair work on the building including floor, windows, doors, walls, and chimney

Re-create the water flow through a couple of fish hold troughs inside the building (as an example of yesteryear)

Events:

Hold a craft fair in the summer (this could be a fund-raiser)

History Exhibits:

History of Paris and Hatchery (permanent display)

Explore designation of building/area as an historical site

Electric (hydro power):

Have a wellman measure the water flow (input/output)

Determine the feasibility of self-generated energy needs through hydro power

Land:

Scrap off the current topsoil and replace with grass

Restrooms:

Put in place temporary solution

Consider a permanent solution

Money:

Explore funding options, particularly grant opportunities

Advisory Committee:

Expand group membership

Volunteers:

Solicit the help of community volunteers for specific projects

Next Meeting scheduled for March 31 @ p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Pisani, March 3, 2005

**Stone Hatchery Park Advisory Committee
Paris, MI (Green Charter Township)**

Report on the Disposition of Stone Hatchery Park
March 3, 2005 **Executive Summary:**

The Stone Hatchery Park has been in decay for over a generation. This landmark building and site has been part of the Paris landscape since the Great Depression when it operated as a fish hatchery. The Stone Hatchery has been an integral part of life in Green Township serving not only as a fish hatchery in days gone by, but also as a place for community gatherings—picnics, reunions, special events, and recreation.

Today the Stone Hatchery is a forgotten part of our community's heritage... nothing more than an abandoned building to the uninitiated, a hang-out for vandals, or a roadside curiosity to passersby. In its present form, the Stone Hatchery Park is a lost opportunity for present and future generations living in Green Township. Lost is history; lost is green space; lost is community; lost is education; lost is commercialization. But not all is lost!

The current dilemma of what to do with the Stone Hatchery may offer an opportunity for the community to do some good and improve the quality of life of locals and guests by protecting the Stone Hatchery for the enjoyment of all. This report, a community response directed by the Stone Hatchery Park Advisory Committee, contains our recommendations as to the preservation, restoration and revitalization of Stone Hatchery Park. The four-phased project recommendations are: 1) the creation of a family environment for immediate access and enjoyment; 2) the preservation, restoration, and revitalization of the Stone Hatchery building, ponds and foreground; 3) the development of access to the larger grounds; and 4) the development of a community learning center—are outlined in the next section.

The Stone Hatchery Park Advisory Committee Charge: How best to preserve, enjoy and attract community members and visitors to the Stone Hatchery Park, Green Charter Township, Paris, Michigan.

Our vision: To make the Stone Hatchery Park the family destination of choice for the community of Paris.

Our mission: We seek to preserve, restore, and revitalize the Stone Hatchery Park as the destination of choice for Paris families and community visitors to play, celebrate, explore, and to learn about their natural and historical surroundings.

Project Plans:

In brief, these multi-project recommendations include:

Project 1: *To Create a Family Environment for Immediate Access and Enjoyment by:*

- Establishing picnic areas
- Building a small playground area (e.g., playground equipment, horseshoe pits, t-ball field, volleyball court)
- Constructing restrooms
- Creating an automobile parking area
- Making safe approaches to/from the park entrance (e.g., road, signage and gate)
- Sponsoring/permitting community events at the park site

Project 2: *To Preserve, Restore & Revitalize the Stone Hatchery Building, Ponds and Foreground by:*

- Preserving the existing building (e.g., structure, chimney) and spring water flows
- Restoring the existing building sites (the main hatchery, spring house)
- Revitalizing the springs and fish as the focal point of the Hatchery
- Creating a self-guided tour and brochure of the Hatchery (possibility of bundling the site as a destination with Paris Park)
- Beautifying the grounds adjacent to the building
- Obtaining historical site designation
- Seize opportunities to save, relocate, and restore other “related” local buildings to the Stone Hatchery Park site

Project 3: *To Develop Access to the Larger Grounds by:*

- Establishing a trail system throughout the property, including an arboretum
- Creating a self-guided tour/brochure focused on the arboretum
- Promoting the trail for birders and fishermen
- Building a pedestrian bridge over Paris Creek

Project 4: *To Develop a Community Learning Center by:*

- Preserving the Hatchery's Past

Promoting structured learning programs for area youth on the site's (Stone Hatchery Park) historical importance
Establishing a historical society
Expanding the Stone Hatchery Park's historical significance

NEW BUSINESS

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GREEN
COUNTY OF MECOSTA, MICHIGAN
**RESOLUTION TO SET SEWER RATES AND CHARGES
SEWER CAPITOL & EXPANSION/ REPLACEMENT
FOR THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM****

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Green, Mecosta County, Michigan, held in the Township hall in said Township on **MARCH 8, 2005**

PRESENT: Members: A. D. Grant, G. Todd, C. Chipman, J. Wellnitz, J. Clark, J. Peek,

ABSENT: Members: B. Waldron

The following resolution was offered by Member J. Peek and supported by Member: G. Todd

WHEREAS, the Green Charter Township Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance, as amended (the "Sewer Ordinance") provides that Township Board shall establish by resolution from time to time various rates and charges for use of the Green Township Sewer System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Effective March 3, 2005 and thereafter:
(a) The Charges for Sewage Disposal Services provided by Section 810 shall consist of a User Charge of **\$58.12 per unit per quarter**. An **Industrial Pretreatment Program Charge of \$1.34 per Unit per quarter**, and a **Debt Service Charge of \$4.54 per; Unit per quarter** And a sewer Capitol Expansion/Replacement charge of **\$3.26 per Unit per quarter**.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and

The same are hereby rescinded.

AYES: Members: C. Chipman, G. Todd, A.D. Grant, J. Wellnitz, J. Clark, J. Peek

NAYS Members: _____

ABSENT: Members: B. Waldron

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Janet Clark, Clerk
Charter Township of Green

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss>

COUNTY OF MECOSTA

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Green, Mecosta County, Michigan (the "Township") do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting on March 8, 2005, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 8th day of March 2005, A.D.

Janet Clark, Clerk
Charter Township of Green

CEMETERY GRAVE OPENINGS

Clerk, J. Clark reported that Allers Septic Tank Service no longer wishes to do the grave openings for Green Township's burials in the cemeteries.

There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by C. Chipman to put an ad in the Pioneer and Tri-County for someone to do the grave openings for Green Charter Township. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FIELD TEAM

MECOSTA COUNTY EQUALIZATION DEPT.

Janet Clark and James Peek will continue to be on the Damage Assessment Field Team Inspector list.

PONTEM SOFTWARE VOTER REGISTRATION TRAINING SEMINAR

MOTION was made by C. Chipman and supported by J. Peek to authorize the registration fee (\$125.)Clerk to attend the Voter Registration Training Seminar.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT

MSU EXTENSION – BETTER DESIGNS FOR DEVELOPMENT SERIES

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to allow board members and plan board members to attend the Better Designs for Development Series. **MOTION CARRIED 6 YES 1 ABSENT.** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, absent-Waldron

HOPE NETWORK OF WEST MICHIGAN

HOST WORKSITE AGREEMENT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by A. D. Grant to approve the worksite agreement contract with Hope Network of West Michigan to do the cleaning of the township as included on the contract. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant, Waldron – absent

MECOSTA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd allow the Mecosta Conservation District to use the township hall March 21, at no charge except for own cleaning. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

CEMETERY

Gary Todd reported he will be fertilizing the cemeteries this spring.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendments. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
GENERAL						
<u>101-101-870</u>	MILEAGE	\$ 1,064.71	\$ 900.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 85.29
<u>from</u>	from				\$ -	
<u>101-101-703</u>	BOARD PER DIEM	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (250.00)	\$ 750.00	\$ 650.00
					\$ -	\$ -
<u>101-209-702</u>	ASSESSING WAGES	\$ 20,178.00	\$ 19,513.00	\$ 665.00	\$ 20,178.00	\$ -
<u>101-209-874</u>	ASSESSING PENSION	\$ 4,035.60	\$ 3,903.00	\$ 133.00	\$ 4,036.00	\$ 0.40
<u>FICA</u>	PAYROLL COMP FICA	\$ 5,701.42	\$ 5,530.00	\$ 172.00	\$ 5,702.00	\$ 0.58
<u>from</u>	from				\$ -	\$ -
<u>101-209-726</u>	ASSESSING SUPPLIES	\$ 398.95	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (970.00)	\$ 530.00	\$ 131.05
					\$ -	\$ -
<u>101-253-705</u>	SUMMER TAX COLL WAGES	\$ 6,316.08	\$ 6,316.05	\$ 1.00	\$ 6,317.05	\$ 0.97
<u>from</u>					\$ -	\$ -
<u>101-253-727</u>	SUMMER TAX COLL. SUPPLIES	\$ 1,546.69	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (1.00)	\$ 1,999.00	\$ 452.31

YEAR END BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to allow the Treasurer and Clerk pay the March 31 2004-2005 year end bills. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron – absent

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent

GREEN GENERAL FUND CK # 7089 THROUGH #7113 \$ 11,888.19

GREEN SEWER FUND CK # 1962 THROUGH #1968 \$ 1,269.99

SUNRISE HAVEN CK # 1003 \$ 71.91

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to adjourn.

ADJOURN - MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT 9:50 p.m.

JANET CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK