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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. APRIL 10, 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
DENISE MACFARLANE	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 G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the March 13, 2007. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes,**

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the Park & Recreation Committee of April 5, 2007 with correction to remove fourth line. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

4-05-07 General fund balance	\$729,664.72
4-05-07 Sewer fund balance	\$430,257.55

MOTION was made by G.Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the treasurer’s report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

Treasurer Denise MacFarlane reported:

2 CD’s at Isabella maturing renewed in general fund & sewer fund into Huntington Money Market
1 CD matured and renewed at Chemical at 5.15%

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present.

The sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

2/28/07 -3/29 /07

Reading-----93595060

Total Flow-----949540

Average daily flow-----32743

Denny reported all is working well at present time.

SEWER USERCHARGE

Nothing to report at this time.

SEWER EXTENSION 19 MILE & 220TH

The last three meeting had been canceled, waiting for developer to have the market analysis done. Wednesday, April 18, 2007 9 a.m. will be the next meeting at Green Charter Township.

Treasurer Denise MacFarlane reported Carter Lumber called concerning the quarterly sewer charge for their properties that are vacant and hooked to Green’s sewer. There was a discussion And the board recommended the treasurer contact the attorney James White for the opinion of what is in the Sewer Ordinance for this issue and check if an amendment is needed.

Matt Behling of AFLAC was present to give to the board insurance options.

DEPUTY TREASURER APPOINTMENT

Treasurer Denise MacFarlane informed the board she has appointed Sandra Sweet as her deputy treasurer.

CONSUMERS ENERGY – TREE TRIMMING

The supervisor reported Consumers Energy has sent a notice of their doing tree trimming in Green Charter Township.

HALL USE AS EMERGENCY SHELTER

Resident Nancy Stephan asked the board if any policies and procedures have been developed for use of the hall in an emergency. It was reported the policy has not been written. There was a discussion and Janet, Gary, Jack and Jim volunteered to be supervising the hall use in an emergency.

It was suggested the township also contact Dan Dowty explaining the township has a generator for the hall facility in the instance it would need to be used for shelter.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KEVIN COURTNEY

Mr. Courtney was present and discussed the following:

1. Micro chip program for pets. And the possibility of the county purchasing a reading scanner.
2. Oil well drilling issues. The biggest issue being notification of fire chiefs in area of drilling.
3. County opening for Plan Board.
4. Commission Chair stepped down as chair due to illness.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to direct a letter to the Mecosta County Commission supporting the pet microchip and scanner program.

TOWNHALL PARK – BIDS FOR SHELTER

Three bids had been received for the proposed shelter at the township hall. The Park & Recreation Committee opened and reviewed the documents April 5, 2007 and recommended to the township board, if possible, award the job to a township business.

Bid Tabulation	Final bid conventional posts
C.R. Construction, LLC \$14,445.00 – Deduct - \$300.00	\$14,145.00
Wells Construction \$16,630.00 – Deduct - \$2,160.00	\$14,470.00
Steve Jones Construction Co. \$18,942.00 – Deduct - \$500.00	\$18,442.00

There was a discussion and Marlies Manning reported she had checked references and all came highly recommended. There was a discussion:

1. Park & Recreation recommendation to keep in township if possible.
2. Perma columns verses conventional columns.
3. Right to choose or throw out.
4. Very close in bid price

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the bid from Wells Construction for \$14,470.00 with the conventional columns. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**
Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant

There was a discussion that protective posts may need to be installed at corners of shelter at parking lot. The recommendation was to get a price from contractor for posts to be completed same time as rest of cement work.

CHARLIE BROWN PARK

J. Peek reported the Mecosta County Road Commission is willing to agree to contract with the township for Charlie Brown Park. Clerk Janet Clark will contact MTA for a sample contract.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Carroll reported there have been beavers cutting trees at the mouth of the Paris Creek at the Muskegon River. It was recommended the board check with the assessor on who owns the property along the creek and the possibility of having a trapper capture the beavers.

SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. Grant to approve registration fee for the township board members and deputies to attend the MTA Spring District meeting.

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

STREET LIGHT AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE IN STANDARD

STREETLIGHTING CONTRACT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to approve the change in the standard street lighting contract for Green Charter Township, (because of the addition of 3 (three) new street lights. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.

PUBLIC COMMENT

23 Mile Road at Northland Drive Streetlight has been installed by Great Lakes Energy.

CLEANUP DAY POST CARDS INFORMATION

The board reviewed the cleanup day post cards.

STONEHATCHERY PARK AREA TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to approve Tom Sage to complete the Topographical survey of the Stonehatchery Park area, which, may include a title search, and is needed for grant applications.

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

HALL USE

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to allow Special Olympics use the township hall at no charge. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to allow Farm Bureau of Mecosta County to use the township hall at no charge. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to allow Mecosta Co. Assessor Assoc. use the township hall at no charge. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

SHELTER USE

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to charge \$25.00 for use of the new shelter when finished if the party wishes to reserve it and it will be posted at shelter.

Otherwise first come first use. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

HALL TRASH PICKUP

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to sign a 1 year contract with Waste Management for the trash pickup at the township hall. **MOTION CARRIED 7 YES.** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant.

ELECTION COMMISSION – APPOINT OF INSPECTORS FOR May 8, 2007 ELECTION

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to appoint the following for the May 8th election. Janet Clark, Sandee Farlow, Bob Baldwin, Lisa Birch, Barb Waldron.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

ROADS

There was a discussion on road projects.

J. Peek expressed that the Green Haven subdivision is in need of repaving, if not this year, next. No decision was made. More information needed from road commission.

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, Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, MacFarlane, Todd, Grant,

GENERAL FUND 3-21-07 -3-27-07 CK # 830 - 8042 \$2,539.69

GREEN SEWER FUND 3-21-07 -3-28-07 CK # 2233 - 2235 \$ 1,924.25

GENERAL FUND 4-10-07 CK # 8043 - 8071 \$85,361.13

GREEN SEWER FUND 4-10-07 CK # 2236 - 2245 \$ 11,203.43

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to adjourn. 9:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

Janet Clark, Township Clerk