

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. APRIL 14, 2009. THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING AND LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

ROBERT BALDWIN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

MARCH 4, 2009 Planning meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2009 Plan meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

MARCH 10, 2009 regular board meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2009 with the correction date of the March 26, 2009 meeting with the Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

APRIL 06, 2009 Meeting of the Park & Recreation meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to accept the minutes of the April 06, 2009 special meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

4-09-09 General fund balance	\$742,408.00
4-09-09 Sewer fund balance	\$460,012.19

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 REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
3/1/9 – 4/1/09

Reading-----116071010

Total Flow-----915130

Average daily flow-----29520 all is working fine.

Supervisor, B. Baldwin reported an informational memo dated March 31, 2009 was sent to the sewer user customers explaining the issues with the Sewer Usercharge with the City of Big Rapids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor B. Baldwin brought it to the board for discussion, Noise/ Nuisance Ordinances.

Points of discussion were;

1. Enforcement
2. If the township has an ordinance in place can any law enforcement officer take action?
3. County Commissioner Kevin Courtney explained the County Prosecutor could not act on the township behalf, because it is not in his jurisdiction.
4. Township would have to hire its own attorney for prosecution.
5. Should look at as civil infraction, less expensive to litigate, no lawyer at first level.
6. Township would need to talk with a township attorney concerning the penalties.
7. Problems with large parties.
8. Suggest meeting with attorney and sheriff to discuss issues and ordinance wording.
9. Discussed using sample ordinances and have reviewed by attorney
10. Put back on the agenda no later than August 2009.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

County Commissioner Kevin Courtney reported the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners has agreed to purchase a \$48,000. brine truck for Mecosta County Road Commission with a low interest loan.

MUSKEGON RIVER WATERSHED ASSEMBLY

Terry Stilson was present along with Ferris State University students to give a presentation to the board on what this assembly is about and doing to protect the Muskegon River and connecting creeks. More information can be found at their website mrwa.org and it will be linked to the township website: www.greentownship.org

PLANNING COMMISSION/ COMMITTEE

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported the township's planning commission/committee needs to be reviewed and studied on how the township intends to proceed with planning & zoning for the township.

Issues discussed were:

1. In 2011 the laws for planning & zoning will be under the Michigan Planning enabling act 33 of 2008 and Michigan Zoning Enabling Act 110 of 2006 (distributed to board for review)
2. Master plan must be reviewed every five years.
3. Planning Commission needs bylaws
4. Committee is advisory only
5. Does the township want to do its own planning & zoning or have the county continue to do it?
6. Planning & Zoning litigation concerns
7. Discuss with our insurance risk management carrier
8. Costs
9. Opinion of township residents
10. Schedule a special meeting/public hearing on how the township should proceed with Planning & Zoning
11. Inspectors contract or employees
12. Township's influence to the county zoning board
13. What the enabling act legally says the township can do.
14. Put decision on hold until board reviews the Enabling Acts.

OLD BUSINESS

Township news page established on website

Interior painting completed of Township Hall

Charter Communications officially now in bankruptcy

Outside security lighting completed in maintenance repairs and timer installed

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER USERCHARGE AND 1995 SEWER CONTRACT WITH BIG RAPIDS CITY MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to send a letter to the City of Big Rapids expressing the following.

Hold to the current 1995 Sewer Contract, until the Sewer User Charge rate and data is completed, this is into the third year without the User Charge completed, we need to move forward to have the rates established.

Then rewrite the contract to clarify the administrative costs, depreciation numbers, and the collection system.

And send a separate letter explaining the township's intent is to complete the negotiations on the sewer User Charge first before getting into the Library funding issues.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

DEQ –TREATMENT PLANT VIOLATIONS – MEETING WITH DEQ 4-13-09

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported the City of Big Rapids had met with the DEQ 4-13-09 and it appears to went well explaining the City went prepared with documentation. The amount of fines is yet to be determined.

ELECTION INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT MAY 5, 2009 ELECTION RCPS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to appoint the following as election inspectors for the May 5, 2009 Reed City Area Public Schools election. J. Clark, Lisa Burch, B. Baldwin, Paulette Reed and Alicia Langworthy. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BRINE CONTRACT –

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission for one time of brining this summer at \$3200.00. MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES. Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron

ROAD PROJECTS

J. Clark, township clerk reported Clif Youngs called explaining that he has received information from MDOT and they are going to proceed with the resurfacing of Northland Drive from Meceola Road to Three Mile Road in Osceola County. Explaining Meceola Road from Northland to 220th would be used as a bypass road for MDOT. Mr. Youngs offered this cost share proposal. spring of 2010. 1 ½" OVERLAY

COST FORMULA

TOTAL ESTIMATE \$60,000.

MDOT PAYS \$30,000.

OSCEOLA PAYS \$15,000.

GREEN TWP.PAYS \$15,000. (this section on county line is Mecosta Co./Green Twp. road)

There was a discussion, suggesting that Mecosta County Road Commission be asked to share in the township's portion. The supervisor will talk with them.

2009 POSSIBLE ROAD PROJECTS

There was a discussion on possibly a tar & chip on the following roads.

18 Mile Road east & west of Northland Drive

Spruce Road east of 205th

SPRING CLEANUP MAY 16, 2009

Volunteers are needed for this date; community service workers have been requested.

PARK & RECREATION

STONE HATCHERY PARK

A bid has been received from Clif Youngs for the engineering/consulting for quantities and construction phasing of the Stone Hatchery Park building area.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to hire Clif Youngs to complete work as proposed in his bid for the Stone Fish Hatchery dated March 23, 2009 total cost of \$500.00

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

The hiring of the excavator will be done at the next township meeting after an estimate of hours is calculated by Mr. Youngs.

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF

There was a discussion on checking into the cost of replacing the roof on the township hall; shingles on the current roof (23 years old) has had some shingles tabs come off. Gary Todd will check on prices.

OTHER COUNTY MEETINGS

N. Stephan suggested the township consider developing a calendar of other county meetings for a member of our board to schedule taking turns attending.

MTA SPRING DISTRICT MEETING

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to approve attendance of the township board and deputies to the MTA Spring District meeting in Big Rapids.

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

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the following budget amendments in the General and Sewer funds in the 2008-2009 budgets. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES,** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
2008-2009						
GENERAL FUND						
						\$ -
FICA from MEDICARE	FICA FROM MEDICARE	\$ 1,302.80	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 3,813.00	\$ 5,810.20
		\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (13.00)	\$ 1,687.00	\$ 1,687.00
SEWER FUND						
097-309-818 from 092-309-818	CAP TOI EXFAKRON	\$ 9,356.77	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 2,140.00	\$ 3,840.00	\$ 3.20
	GRT DEMAND CHARGE	\$ 33,564.30	\$ 43,000.00	\$ (2,140.00)	\$ 40,860.00	\$ 7,305.70
2009-2010						
SEWER FUND						
092-309-818 from 092-300-695	I-P	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00
GENERAL FUND						
101-301-818 from 092-300-695	PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE PROTECTION	\$ 80,349.85	\$ 80,700.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 81,850.00	\$ 0.35
	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 50,283.78	\$ 350.00	\$ 51,113.78	\$ 51,113.78

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendments in the General and Sewer funds in the 2009-2010 budgets. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES,** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes,** Waldron, Todd, Peek, Stephan, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark

GENERAL FUND 3-18-09 -CK # 9048 -9056 \$2,061.78
 4-14-09 -CK# 9057 - 9093 \$97,486.01

GREEN SEWER FUND 4-14-09 -CK # 2480 - 2490 \$14,072.64

JUNK ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

N. Stephan asked about the junk enforcement for Green Charter Township. It is done by the county building department.

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to adjourn. 9:30 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

Janet Clark,
 Township Clerk