

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. MAY 12, 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

APRIL 14, 2009 regular board meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the APRIL 14, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

5-07-09 General fund balance \$708,504.25

4-09-09 Sewer fund balance \$458,909.07

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**

Trustee N. Stephan asked about the system replacement bank account on the treasurer's report and if it was just for Green Charter Township? The treasurer stated it's just for the township's own equipment replacement only.

STATE REVENUE SHARING

D. MacFarlane the township treasurer reported she has received a report from the state and revenue sharing may be down 15% or more.

D. MacFarlane also reported she has been contacted by Huntington Bank about Fraud Alert Services.

There was a discussion. Laws have changed and they are not holding banks liable as in the past. The consensus was to get more information including Huntington's Positive Pay Program, insurance company crime coverage policy.

TAX COLLECTION SUMMER AND WINTER ADMINISTRATION FEES

Resolution to Impose Property Tax Administration Fee

WHEREAS, The Township of Green Charter, Mecosta County, Michigan is responsible for assessing ad valorem property taxes, collecting property tax levies, and handling review and appeal matters arising there from, and

WHEREAS, PA 503 of 1982 provides for imposition of a property tax administration fee (PTAF) of not more than one (1%) percent and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Township Board to approve and authorize the imposition of a property tax administration fee as a fee to offset the cost incurred in assessing property values, collecting tax levies and in the review and appeal process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Board of Green Charter Township that: The Township Board does hereby approve and authorize the imposition of a property tax administration fee of one half of (1%) one per cent (0.005) on all sums voluntarily paid for property taxes before February 15 of the succeeding year in which the same shall become due and payable.

This resolution shall apply to the property tax levy that shall become a lien in 2009, and shall continue in full force and effect for the year of 2009.

Janet Clark, Clerk, Green Charter Township May 12, 2009 Date of Meeting

Moved by: G. Todd, Seconded by J. Peek

Roll Call Vote as follows: Aye: G. Todd, N. Stephan, D. MacFarlane, R. Baldwin, J. Clark, B.

Waldron, J. Peek Nay: none

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
4/1/9 – 5/2/09

Reading-----117013750

Total Flow-----942740

Average daily flow-----30411 all is working fine.

Denny reported he checked the lift station after the clerk called him informing the electric was up a little. He recommended that the electric heater be replaced in the fall. All else is working fine.

There was a discussion on the IPP for the sewer system and the supervisor B. Baldwin will talk with Bruce at the wastewater treatment plant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROBERT R. ROBINSON Memorial Scholarship

Mike Miller was present to ask the board for support to recommend approval of his scholarship Application for the Robert R. Robinson Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to recommend approval of Mike Miller's request for the Robert R. Robinson's \$1,000.00 scholarship.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

NEW BUSINESS

ROADS

J. Peek reported he attended the Mecosta County Road Commission meeting 5-12-09

Reporting the following information:

1. Tar and Stone: 18 Mile Road between Northland Dr. and 205th, which includes some wedging on 18 Mile Road, and Spruce Road east of 205th at an estimated cost of \$17,000. to \$20,000.
2. Mecosta Road Commission proposed, " if the township pays for the needed overlay on Round Lake Road, (1 mile) from 190th Avenue to Fur Drive, \$76,853.00 the county would overlay the third mile on 22 Mile Road from 230th Avenue to Newcosta Avenue.
3. The road commission would do a cost study on 230th Ave. north of 22 Mile Road.
4. Gravel needed on 190th North of Hoover for future blacktop a petition has been received several years ago.

J. Peek suggested half of 18 Mile should be requested from Big Rapids Township because it is a shared road. There was still discussion on funding for 18 Mile Road west of Northland Drive.

Newcosta Avenue

Mr. Ralph Wallace was present to reiterate his complaint to the township board about the washout hazard at the creek culvert just south of his house on Newcosta Ave. Supervisor B. Baldwin informed the board he has talked with Joyce Kuipers of the Mecosta County Road Commission on this problem. This is the response that was received back in email.

"Joyce: I reviewed this site with Mike a year ago. Extensive work will be required to re-direct the water away from the road crossing. The road is classified as a local road. It is my understanding funds are limited and this project was delayed. A permit will be required from DEQ and water drainage analysis will be required. Regulations on drainage by DEQ creates many challenges. This project will include lengthening the existing culvert, placing fill (probably outside existing Rd R.O.W.), and corrections to the residential drive North of the crossing. I understand the Supervisor's desire to address this problem. I'll be on vacation until May 25th. This project will require funding outside regular available sources. Ed."

There was a discussion, listing the following concerns:

1. Re-occurring problem
2. Danger for vehicle traffic, when oncoming traffic is coming over hill and northbound auto has to move to the right.

3. Not much room on shoulder of the road.
4. School bus hazard.
5. Safety issue and needs to be done this year.
6. Needs larger culvert.

MOTION was made by James Peek and supported by B. Waldron, knowing the condition of Round Lake Road from 190th Ave. to Fir Drive the board will approve overlay in the amount of \$76,853.00 contingent that the Mecosta County Road Commission will resurface 22 Mile Road from 230th Ave. to Newcosta Ave. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Stephan, Todd

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to approve tar and chip Spruce Road from 205th to the end of blacktop and 18 Mile Road east of Northland Drive to 205th. Not to exceed \$20,000.00 and will ask Big Rapids Township to participate for half of the project of 18 Mile Road, since it is a border line road. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Todd, Stephan, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Waldron, Peek

The board asked the supervisor to direct a letter to the Mecosta County Road Commission explaining the creek crossing on Newcosta south of the Wallace property needs emergency correction with a new culvert, being a reoccurring problem and a near accident at that location when a van met an oncoming vehicle at that location and had to move over to the shoulder. The board also suggested the township contact County Commissioner Kevin Courtney and State Representative Darwin Booher.

MECEOLA ROAD

After additional discussion on Meceola Road from Northland Drive to 220th Avenue, **MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to agree to share in the estimate of \$16,800.00 for overlay, when this road will be used for detour when Northland Drive from 3 Mile to Meceola is redone. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Peek, Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Stephan, Todd

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT

G. Todd reported to the board estimate prices for re-roofing the township hall.
 35 year shingles 42 sq.- \$2,959.00
 steel roof @ \$150.00 sq. \$ 6300.00
 No action taken.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There was a discussion on township planning commission verses planning committee. Cost, needs and wants of residents, survey of residents and master plan update.
 No action taken.

SEWER USGER CHARGE NEGOCIATIONS

The supervisor and trustee N. Stephan met with the Big Rapids City to discuss the sewer Usercharge system.

The following items were discussed:

1. Administration costs- number of employees included?
2. Collection system – linear cost, address when township would exceed capacity.
3. Debt cost when finished with project
4. When does the bonding occur? May be 12 months after project is completed.
5. Contained and equitable costs.
6. Hold to the August deadline which is in the current 1995 contract.

PARK STONE FISH HATCHERY EXCAVATION

MOTION WAS made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to contract with R. Spicer for the excavating around the Stone Hatchery Building as per the work outlined in the proposal from Clif Youngs up to \$7,500.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Todd, Stephan, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Waldron, Peek

PARK - TRAIL BRUSHING

No action taken.

CEMETERY BRICK AND STONE SIGN REPAIR

G. Todd brought it to the attention of the board that there is repair need on the brick and stone signs at all three cemeteries. The pictures were reviewed and estimates will be sought.

ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY 5-16-09 VOLUNTEERS

Gary, Bob, Jim, Janet, Nancy
Community service workers will be reminded.

HOUSE HOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTRACT

The report has been received for last years HHW.

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to contract with the Mecosta Conservation District for \$1,000.00 for the Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup collection in 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Peek, Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, Macfarlane, Stephan, Todd

STREET LIGHTS 207TH

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to have consumers install a street light at 207th Ave. and Northland. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Peek, Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Stephan,

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident and Park & Recreation member, Dave Waldron asked the township consider a signage for the public to know the status on the park development progression. No action taken at this time.

The supervisor reported he attended a meeting with Big Rapids Township concerning broad band service and a septic tank waste partial treatment system for septic haulers before it goes into the treatment plant.

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,** Peek, Waldron Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Stephan, Todd,

GENERAL FUND 4-17-09 – 5/12/09CK # 9094 -9132 \$32,801.08

GREEN SEWER FUND 5-12-09 -CK # 2491 - 2498 \$1,692.48

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to adjourn. 9:37 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

Janet Clark,
Township Clerk