

UNAPPROVED

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. MAY 13, 2008.
THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE
FLAG.**

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 April 8, 2008 board meeting.

MOTION was made by Gary Todd and supported by James Peek to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2008 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

The clerk presented the minutes of the Park & Recreation meeting of April 21 and May 5, 2008.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of April 21 and May 5, 2008. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

5-08-08 General fund balance \$646,855.26

5-08-08 Sewer fund balance \$457,548.94

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 submitted the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

4/01/08-4/30/08

Reading-----106052510

Total Flow-----911240

Average daily flow-----31422 all is working fine.

Smith Instrument and calibrated the flow meter.

DRAIN COMMISSION OFFICE REPORT

Deputy Drain Commissioner Jackie Fitzgerald was present to update the township on the status and condition of the Northgate Drain located in Green Charter Township. She reported no special assessment will need to be levied; the Drain Commission office has funds in reserve for drain cleaning and maintenance. Current Drain Commissioner Sheri Samuel will be retiring and Jackie Fitzgerald will be running for that office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Karen Hahn deputy Register of Deeds was present to inform the board Joanne Brown is retiring and she will be running for the Register of Deeds position.

MASTER PLAN FOR BIG RAPIDS CITY – LYNNE SCHIEBLE

Lynne Schieble was present to receive input from the township board for the City of Big Rapids' Plan Board on topics important to the development of the updating of its Master Plan.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Courtney was present to update the township on issues of Mecosta County.

Dog licenses may soon be purchased from Veterinary offices.

Four of the five of the county labor contracts have been settled.

Still in discussion on any future links with Spectrum Hospital.

ROADS

Mecosta County Road Commissioner John Currie was present to discuss road projects with the township board.

18 Mile Road at Northland Drive and Shamrock Blvd. was discussed. J. Currie indicated that as discussed at an earlier township board meeting, MDOT recommended closing the entry to Northland Drive from Shamrock Blvd at 18 Mile Road. There was a discussion and the consensus of the board was to not do anything at this time. Expressing that this exit from the subdivision has been entering Northland Drive for the past forty years and it would not be in the best interest to the residents if it were closed to Northland Drive. No action was taken.

John Currie reported 22 Mile Road would have an overlay done this season.

ROAD PROJECT 2008

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to finance the resurface the following streets:

Lawrence Circle - \$18,920.00

Water Street - \$22,562.00

Total \$41,482.00

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

Round Lake Road may be addressed next year.

SUPPORT FOR TRACTORS AND TANKS

Mr. Currie asked the board if they would support the Mecosta Road Commission’s request to the County Commission asking for funds to purchase three new tractors and tanks for the brining program in Mecosta County.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to support the Mecosta County Road Commission’s request to the County Commission for funding of tractors and tanks for bringing.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES a letter will be sent to the Road Commission and County Commission.

CEMETERY DRIVES – WEST CEMETERY & CRAPO CEMETERY

BIDS FOR GRAVEL

Two bids have been received for the grading and graveling of the drives in the new sections of Crapo and West Cemeteries. Envelopes were opened.

Fenstermacher - \$18,508.00

McDonald - \$14,250.00

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the lowest bid of

McDonald - \$14,250.00

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

MARKER REPAIR CRAPO CEMETERY

G. Todd reported there were four old cemetery markers damaged this past winter in Crapo Cemetery.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to repair or replace the damaged markers.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

WEST CEMETERY PUMP

G. Todd reported Pekrul Well Drilling will service the pump at West Cemetery.

USERCHARGE

The draft letter prepared by attorney J. White on behalf of Big Rapids Charter and Green Charter Townships, advising the City of Big Rapids that Stauder, Barch & Assoc, Inc. has completed the Rate Review and Analysis, has been received for the board to review and approve.

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There was a discussion, page three the last sentence it was not clear that Green Charter Township has also been paying the \$.90 per gallon to the City for the plant upgrade.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the letter with corrections to the third page explaining Green Charter Township has also been paying the \$.90 per gallon to the City of Big Rapids for the plant upgrades and that all future calls to the attorney must be approve by the township board.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

SEWER RATE INCREASE

The treasurer reported, due to the increase to \$.90 per thousand gallons for the plant upgrade, it would be necessary to have a sewer rate increase.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to increase the sewer quarterly rate to \$74.00 from \$70.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

AUDIT

Gary Todd and John Wellnitz will meet with the township auditors for the entrance discussion. As requested by the auditor to have other township officials present for them to interview besides the clerk and treasurer.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following amendments in the General fund.

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

	A	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	5/13/2008						
2	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	AMENDED
3					AMOUNT	NEW	BALANCE
4	GENERAL FUND						\$ -
5	101-301-818	CONTRACTED SERVICES FIRE	\$ 78,494.81	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 78,500.00	\$ 5.19
6	from	FROM					
7	101-301-811	LAW CONTRACT	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
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MASTER PLAN SEMINAR

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve registration fee for the Plan Board to attend the training seminar. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

CLEANUP DAY WORKERS

Gary reported he will have community service workers to help on cleanup day. Jack, Jim and Gary will be working at cleanup day.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported J. Peek by to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Grant, Todd, MacFarlane Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

GENERAL FUND 5/09/08-5/13/08 CK # 8558 - 8602 \$89,057.53

GREEN SEWER FUND 5/12/08-5/13/08 CK # 2372- 2382 \$1,907.93

ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED.7 yes

Janet Clark, Township Clerk