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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. MAY 9, 2006. 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
CAROLYN M. CHIPMAN	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 11, 2006 board meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by A.D. Grant to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2006 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

5-9-06 General fund balance	\$63,953.86
5-9-06 Sewer fund balance	\$413,039.31

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.**

Also reported one cd maturing at Huntington. And the interest rate at Isabella is 5.3%

SUNRISE HAVEN - STEVE FENSTERMACHER

The supervisor reported the opinion letter dated May 8, 2006 from the township attorney, has been received, regarding the "Sanitary Sewage Trunkage Connection fee", and is on file. Attorney Richard A. Wendt indicated in the Sewer Ordinance, Section 804 and 805 both provide that in the case of new construction, a trunkage connection fee shall be paid at time a construction or building permit is issued. The township is legally obligated to collect a sanitary sewer trunkage fee at the same time a construction or building permit is issued for a new home. This practice is common with other communities. There was a discussion and a letter will be sent to Mr. Fenstermacher.

TRASH PICKUP AT TOWNSHIP HALL

The supervisor contacted the following waste haulers for monthly rates:

Waste Management - \$48.50

Dent \$59.00 deposit -\$75.00

Rock & Refuge \$40.00 weekly

Allied \$49.00 plus \$25.00 dumpster one time deposit

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to contract with Waste Management for trash pickup at the township hall for one year and if not acceptable with WM for a one year than go with the next lowest bid - Allied.

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

SMILE PROGRAM - MECOSTA & OSCEOLA COUNTIES

Cindy Hunt was present to request the use of the township hall facility during one afternoon/morning in the months of February, April, June, August, October, and December.

The opposite months from the evening SMILE program.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to use the township hall at no charge for the SMILE program 1 day per months in February, April, June, August, October, and December provided there is no conflict with official township business.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

3/31/06 - 5/1/06

Reading-----83,107,840

Total Flow-----1,075,070

Average daily flow----- 34,680

Denny reported Smith Instrument was at the lift station last week to check the meter.

ROADS

SIGNS - TINA IDE

Ms. Ide addressed the board about her concern on the speed around the curve at 205th and 21 Mile, explaining many cars have gone off the road into her yard. She has a concern for the safety of her children and requested a “children at play sign” before the curve. There was a discussion. The board explained this same issue has been addressed in 2003 for a different area.

At that time the road commission informed the township that this type of sign could not be installed in road right-of-way. These type of signs are not specifically allowed, they do not conform to the Michigan manual of uniform traffic control devices.

They could send a letter to the Mecosta Co. Sheriff department asking for speed patrolling in this area.

2006 PROJECTS

There was additional discussion on the proposed road projects.

The supervisor reported Joyce Randall from the Mecosta Co. Road Commission indicated that MDOT is not considering 18 Mile intersection project this year and also suggested Greenhaven and 18 Mile should not be done the same year.

Brining was discussed, but no schedule has been received from the county.

There was a discussion on the road projects estimates for this year.

- 1. Asphalt - 200th Avenue; 21 Mile Road, and Oak.
- 2. Overlay and wedging - Greenhaven Subdivision

The clerk entered in for discussion, that maybe the completion of this project might be delayed, considering the economy and possible uncertainty of revenue sharing fund this budget year. There was a discussion. The discussion was complete the project started last year, with bituminous surfacing of 200th Avenue; 21 Mile Road, and Oak.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to complete the project started last year of bituminous surfacing of 200th Avenue; 21 Mile Road, and Oak - \$80,156.00 **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

230th Avenue north of 22 Mile

The board also directed the supervisor to get cost estimates for **230th Avenue north of 22 Mile** Road for future years road projects.

TOWNSHIP HALL GROUNDS

There was a discussion on the proposed location of the basketball court at the township hall.

Reasoning that it would be better and less infringing on the neighbors if it was located on the south side of the township hall along the other projects. J. Peek asked it an amendment need to be made to the Recreation Plan to make this type of change. The clerk will check with Marlies Manning on this issue.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK TO DO LIST

The following maintenance list was presented and discussed and given recommendation on some issues and recommended to complete others all under maintenance projects the following.

- 1. Remove dead box elder tree – west of hall - remove
- 2. Parking lot south guardrails – remove
- 3. Large corner bushes (evergreen) remove
- 4. Stump grinding -hire done

5. Brush pile by dumpster - push back or bury
6. New location to put branches and compost material from cemeteries- R. Baldwin suggested using his property of the old gravel pit.
7. Property along Rails to Trail - no action
8. New guard rail out back - leave as is until trails are established
9. Change location of proposed basketball hoops - recommends moving to the south west corner by other activities.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to complete the above maintenance list. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

CEMETERY

G. Todd reported he had community service workers help cleanup Crapo Cemetery May 6th.

DEPUTY CLERK

J. Clark, township clerk announced her deputy Judy Battle who has been deputy for eighteen years in November will be retiring June 1st.

J. Clark, announced her new deputy will be Robert Baldwin, who lives in the township and is well qualified.

CLEANUP DAY WORKERS - MAY 13, 2006

J. Peek, Jack Wellnitz, Don Grant, Ted MacKellar

CHARLIE BROWN PARK

J. Peek reported Charlie Brown Park needs a partial load of dirt to fill holes.

RECREATION AND PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

J. Clark ask the board if the township should continue with a Recreation & Park Advisory Volunteer Committee or change to a *park and recreation board*?

The consensus of the board was to continue working as has with an advisory committee. Recommending the clerk investigate per diem compensation.

CANDIDATE KIMBERLY L. BOOHER-HAMMER

Ms. Booher-Hammer was present to ask for support for the 49th Circuit Judge.

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

GENERAL FUND 5-9-06 CK # 7613 - 7650 \$14,107.14

GREEN SEWER FUND 5-9-06 CK#2103 - 2111 \$ 1,549.59

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nancy Stephen was present to ask the township board get estimates for 207th Avene blacktopping.

ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES. 8:55 P.M.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk

