

**Unapproved**

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. JUNE 13, 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- ABSENT
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

**MINUTES**

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular May 9, 2006 board meeting.

**MOTION** was made by C.Chipman and supported by A.D. Grant to accept the minutes of the May 09, 2006 meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

6-8-06 General fund balance	\$673,815.22
6-8-06 Sewer fund balance	\$418,861.36

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to accept the treasurer’s report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent.**

**ROADS**

The contract with Mecosta Co. Road Commission for the 2006 road project approved last month was signed by all board members present.

**SEWER USER CHARGE**

**ATTORNEY -**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to retain attorney James White with regards to the Sewer User Charge System in negotiations with The City of Big Rapids and Big Rapids Township. The cost share will be 50% with Big Rapids Township. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES. 1 ABSENT**

**WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am the City of Big Rapids will have the tour of the waste water treatment facility, all are invited to attend.

**MICHIGAN CONSOLIDATED GAS CO. - PROPERTY TAX SETTLEMENT - TAX TRIBUNAL**

There was a discussion on the on the settlement summary from Honigman Miller Schwartz an Cohn LLP Attorneys, the complete recommendation letter of June 2, 2006 is on file at the township office.

**MOTION** was made by J. Clark and supported by C. Chipman to accept the proposal from Michigan Consolidated, “Stipulation for Consent Judgement”. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES, 1 ABSENT.**

**SEWER REPORT**

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:

5/01/06 - 5/30/06

Reading-----	84,096,390
Total Flow-----	988,550
Average daily flow-----	34,088

Denny reported he had reviewed the video of Sunrise connection and all looked fine. He also reported on the 31<sup>st</sup> the alarm light was on with no trouble found. He will be replacing relays as a precaution.

## ROADS

Speed sign concern on the speed around the curve at 205<sup>th</sup> and 21 Mile, Supervisor J. Wellnitz contacted Mecosta Co. Sheriff department and they will be patrolling in this area more frequent.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Representatives from Clark Financial Group were present to discuss with the township board sewer and water extension on the 19 Mile/220th Avenue possible development.

Items discussed were:

1. Extension of municipal water and sewer.
2. Explore all possibilities and access locations.
3. Check to confirm special meeting date of June 26, 2006 of the entire township board.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to appoint the current sewer committee as the sewer/water committee. **MOTION CARRIED 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

## **FLEIS & VANDENBRINK -**

David Johnson of Fleis & Vandenbrink was present to introduce to the township board services his firm can provide for the township.

## TOWNSHIP HALL GARDENS

Andrew Archer of New Horizon Landscaping was present to discuss with the township board the landscaping of the township existing gardens, shrubs and flower beds.

The board went outside to take a look at the gardens. There was a discussion on the following:

1. Present shrubs & plants are out of control and are in lines of sight of building and parking lot..
2. Planting of shade trees appropriate size on south side of building.
3. Stones around building working well.
4. Remove present plants grade and hydro seed to grass.
5. May need to look at a new sign with possible plants around it.
6. Flag pole - look to boy scouts to possible paint and replace rope.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by A. Grant to have the township lawn maintenance person Ted MacKellar along with Lynwood Hansen remove all of the over grown shrubs in the beds of the township hall. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent.**

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

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to obtain a proposal from Andrew Archer for Canopy Trees on the south and east of the township hall that can be trimmed for a more manageable effect. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

## RECREATION & PARK PLAN REPORT

The Township Recreation Plan has been submitted to the DNR and has been approved. The township five-year recreation plan will expire December 21, 2010.

The Township Recreation and Park Advisor Committee met June 1<sup>st</sup> and recommended to the township board that they continue to work as an advisory committee as volunteers as a community service basis, no per diem compensation.

Committee member Roger Carroll reported the following:

1. Two excavating estimates of \$5,000. for the hall recreation park, removal of topsoil and placing out back, fill sand excavating.
2. He will go ahead and get 3 written bids for this phase of the work.
3. The consensus of the committee was to get started soon on this project.
4. Committee recommends basketball court on south/west side, shelter in middle and pits on the east side.
5. Ground breaking kickoff when the work begins to invite the public and get the community involved.
6. Work to get volunteers to put up picnic shelter.

7. Inspections. Send a letter to the Mecosta County Building Department to inform them of township's projects.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to get sealed bids from a licensed contractor for the excavation, sand and gravel for the township hall new park and parking work. By the 29<sup>th</sup> of June.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RECREATION & PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to appoint the following township volunteers to the Green Charter Township Recreation & Park Advisory Committee:

Bob Baldwin, Roger Carroll, Beverly Jensen, Lisa Lenahan, Karen Motawi, Allan Parker, Mike Pisani, Diane Richards, Nancy Stephan, Doris Wells. And Janet Clark, Carolyn Chipman, and Barbara Waldron as township board representatives.

The discussion was to welcome and recognize all volunteers who wish to help.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

The clerk reported she had received two estimates for the Stone Hatchery Park building/picnic shelter and surrounding grounds and indicated another engineer was interested in giving the township a proposal. All should be ready for next month's meeting.

**MTA SUMMER 2006 MICHIGAN ZONING ENABLING ACT**

**MOTION** was made by C. Chipman and supported by J. Peek to approve the township planning commission attendance to the Zoning conference. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**  
Waldron, Peek, Chipman, Clark, Wellnitz, Todd-absent, Grant

**CLEANUP DAY REPORT**

GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP 11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY  
SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

Township Board Members working: Don Grant, James Peek, Jack Wellnitz,  
Ted MacKellar

1,900 cards printed

1667 mailed out

15 cards returned undeliverable

81 cards collected.

4 loads shipped out

Allied Waste began with 4 trucks and one trailer to load into with 2 men 1 woman working, which went very fast.

The first person in line came at 7 a.m. ish and others were in line past Moarc by 7:00.

Trucks were in place at 7:15 a.m. and men were ready, therefore they started unloading

The line was clear by 10:30 and from then on all morning there was not a line.

Cold cloudy misty day.

Expense paid to Allied Waste Service \$4,455.95

Tentative date for 2007 - May 19, 2007

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to approve the following budget amendments. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.** Grant, Todd-absent, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
FIRE PROTECTION		\$ 68,813.77	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 13.77	\$ 68,813.77	\$ 0.00
FIRE PROTECT. SUPPLIES		\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (13.77)	\$ 986.23	\$ 986.23
PER AUDITOR RECOMMEND						
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>OLD NUMBER</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDED AMOUNT</b>	<b>NEW NEW</b>	<b>AMENDED BALANCE</b>
CHANGE TO OFFICE PAYROLL						\$ 0.00
TREAS.-INSURANCE MED.	101-900-913	\$ 349.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,050.02
CLERK- INSURANCE MED.	101-900-913	\$ 349.98		\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,050.02
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<b>CHANGE TO "PUBLIC SAFETY"</b>						
FIRE PROTECTION SUPPLIES	101-336-727	\$ 0.00	\$ 986.23	\$ 0.00	\$ 986.23	\$ 986.23
LAW CONTRACT	101-289-811	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
FIRE CONTRACT	101-336-818	\$ 68,813.77	\$ 68,800.00	\$ 13.77	\$ 68,813.77	\$ 0.00
					\$ 0.00	

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. Grant to approve payment of the following bills:

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd-absent, Grant

**GENERAL FUND** 6-13-06 CK # 7651 - 7687 \$20,159.40

**GREEN SEWER FUND** 6-13-06 CK#2112 - 2121 \$ 1,896.53

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Waldron to adjourn.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent. 9:55 P.M.**

Janet Clark, Township Clerk