

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M. June 14, 2005.**

**THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG. THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.**

JOHN WELLNITZ,	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK,	CLERK
CAROLYN CHIPMAN,	TREASURER
A. DONALD GRANT,	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES PEEK,	TRUSTEE arrived 7:33
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

**MINUTES**

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular ,May 10, 2005 board meeting

**MOTION** was made by D. Grant and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of May 10, 2005 meeting. Motion carried 7 yes.

The clerk presented the minutes of the special meeting of May 25, 2005 board meeting for the sewer Sunrise Haven.

**MOTION** was made by C. Chipman and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of May 25, 2005 meeting. Motion carried 7 yes.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

6-08-05 General Fund, balance \$687,291.38

6-08-05 Green Charter Township Sewer Fund \$392,064.36

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported J. Peek to accept the Treasurer's report as presented in both funds. **MOTION CARRIED 7 yes**

**SEWER REPORT**

Dennis Vandawater presented the sewer report.

The sewer report of Green Township as follows:

4-28-05 to 6-03-05

Reading-----71453390

Total flow-----1227480

Average daily flow-----34097

All is working fine.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SUNRISE HAVEN ESTATES**

The supervisor reported there was a special meeting May 25, 2005 with Steve Fenstermacher and Williams & Works Engineer Kerwin Keen to discuss Fenstermacher's concerns with the inspection process. The issue was settled and the inspections will be on a spot check and when the dirt is moved.

**CITY OF BIG RAPIDS REQUEST TO CONNECT TO FORCE MAIN**

The forcemain construction cost estimate prepared by Kerwin Keen of Williams & Works has been received and will be placed on file. There was a discussion.

**USER CHARGE – SEWER COMMITTEE**

The sewer committee met with the City of Big Rapids on the user charge and the minutes are on file. There was a discussion concerning the rate increase the City is proposing for the IPP. More information is needed.

**CEMETERY FLAGS**

The clerk reported the cemetery flags were installed this year for Memorial Day by Trustee Barb Waldron and herself Janet Clark and 4-H members. Clerk Clark will send them a thank you note.

## **STONE HATCHERY PARK**

Marlies Manning of Manning Design an architect landscape designer was present to her credentials, knowledge and experience on developing Park and Recreation Plans for municipalities. She explained the importance of a township wide Recreation Plan when applying for grants. Suggesting the Stone Hatchery Plan be included with the Recreation Plan. Issues discussed:

1. Recreation Master Plan necessary when applying for State Natural Resource Trust Fund Grants.
2. Inventory of township recreation property
3. Township is in a good position for applying for grants.
4. Recreation plan must be on file with the DNR by March 2006 to apply for grants in April of 2006.
5. Protection of resources
6. Tie in access to the White Pine Trail system
7. Civil Engineer look at water and drainage issues, structure of stone building, soil borings and costs
8. Suggests work as a team approach
9. Community involvement
10. Potential uses
11. Budget estimates
12. Educational programs
13. Master Plan is the road map for the future.

James Hegerty from Prein & Newhof had stopped at the township hall a few weeks ago and spoke with clerk Janet Clark and she invited him to also come to this board meeting to discuss the Stone Hatchery Park and the Recreation Master Plan. He had worked with Big Rapids on the River Walk.

Points of his presentation are:

1. Planning vision
2. Financing
3. Township wide Master Plan
4. Grants with matches
5. Local Legislatures
6. Recreation Millage
7. Private grants from companies
8. Foundations
9. Civic groups
10. History
11. Great Lakes fisheries trust
12. Volunteer Labor
13. Local support
14. Worry about the need and not the money

J. Peek commented agreed Recreation Plan is a necessity for Park master Plan.

Suggesting keeping as natural as possible. Need to recognize and include other areas and parks of the township in this Recreation plan. Expressing the importance of citizen involvement in the project.

The board asked Marlies Manning to prepare a Recreation Master Plan proposal for the township incorporating the Stone Hatchery Master Plan and present it at the July board meeting.

Karen Motawi a Master Gardener was present to offer the support of the Master Gardner Clubs.

Charmaine Lucas from the Mecosta County Conservation District agreed this is a fantastic asset for the community and hopes that we could keep to natural and native plants expressing she fully supports this project.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **County Commissioner John Todd was present and reported on the following**

1. Resignation of CAT Bus Director
2. New Judge appointed
3. New Clerk appointed
4. County revenue budget cuts from the State
5. New shelter for sheriff cars
6. New County Road Commission Building
7. Building addition to Central Dispatch Building

## **230<sup>th</sup> AVENUE MINING PROJECT COMPLAINT**

Mr. & Mrs Pat Wilson were present to express their concern on the junk vehicles and dangerous driveway exiting from this site.

Mrs. Wilson showed the board a video on this area of concern.

The board suggested the supervisor contact the Road Commission to address the drive issue of truck pulling our near the hill. And that the supervisor also contact Mike Green on the unlicensed vehicles.

**NORTHLAND DRIVE SAFETY ISSUES THRU PARIS**

Roger Carroll was present to discuss with the board the speed limit and the need for no passing zone on Northland Drive through Paris. There was a discussion of concern about the accidents at Hoover and Northland because of the knoll south of Hoover Road.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to ask the MDOT review again the need for a caution light at Hoover Road and a stop-go light at 19 Mile Road.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes.**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to ask the Road Commission to consider taking the steps to have the speed limit lowered through Paris from 50 to 45.

**MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

**ROADS**

The supervisor reported on the road project bids received at the Road Commission for 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 21 Mile to Oak to Ash South of Hoover Road.

Medler -	\$73,465.00
Jamieson -	\$81,466.00
Aris -	\$66,793.50
L. Carey -	\$84,170.00

There was a discussion on which road project to should done this year. J. Peek suggested have the Road Commission patch and overlay Green Haven this year.

Do 200<sup>th</sup> Ave. & Coolidge Road.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by C. Chipman to contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission to accept the Aris Bid of \$66,793.50 for 200<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 21 Mile, Oak between Hoover and Oak And further to proceed with Coolidge overlay and to have the Road Commission patch Green Haven for another year. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Waldron, Peek, Clark, Wellnitz, Chipman, Todd, Grant

**18 MILE ROAD DISCUSSION**

The need for improvement on the intersection of 18 Mile Road and Northland Drive was discuss and suggested it be brought to the attention of the Road Commission.

**INSURANCE – GREG DIEWICKI** of Michigan Participating Plan was not able to attend the June meeting but will be at our July meeting.

**MTA SUMMER LEGISLATIVE FORUM**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve conference fee, mileage and lodging for board members to attend the MTA Legislative forum at Boyn Highland. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron.

**BIG RAPIDS –MECOSTA COUNTY SESQUICENTENNIAL**

Correspondence has been received that there will be space at the fair for the townships to use and display historical information about each township.

The clerk will gather information to display at the fair to include using the township flag.

**2006 CLEANUP DAY**

The township ordered the supervisor to check on May 13, 2006 for next year’s cleanup day with Sunset Waste.

**NO LEFT TURN SIGN**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to order another sign and sign that says “*NO LEFT TURN*” for cleanup day. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

**KITCHEN APPLIANCES**

The clerk reported the oven door handle is broken and suggest because of the age of the stove to replace it. There was a discussion. We will get prices and bring them to the next meeting.

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP THRESHOLD FOR CAPITALIZING FIXED ASSETS**

**MOTION** was made by Todd and supported by Grant to set the township’s threshold for capitalizing fixed assets with useful lives exceeding 1 year is \$1,000.

All equipment and assets purchases over this amount will be classified as capital assets. All items under this amount will be expensed as capital outlay in the year of purchase.

In addition, assets will be depreciated over the following useful lives:

- Buildings and improvements: 20- 40 years
- Land improvements: 10-20 years
- Office equipment and furniture: 5- 10 years
- Computer equipment: 3 -5 years
- Vehicles: n/a
- Other equipment: 3-10 years

The salvage value (if any) of equipment will be established at the time of purchase.

And the budget amend line item changes are as follows for the small and large fixed assets in the different categories, (the totals of the budget have not changed.).

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

**THE JAMES AND LAURA MONTAGUE FAMILY FIRST SETTLERS IN GREEN TOWNSHIP**

James C. Wood of Remus has done some research on the first settlers of the township and has determined that descendents of trustee Barbara Waldron, her Great Great Grand Parents were the first settlers of Green Township.

Therefore the following resolution was presented for the board to act to upon.

**J. Peek Moved, Seconded by G. Todd to approve the following Resolution No. 6142005. MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

**THE FIRST PIONEER SETTLERS IN GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

RESOLUTIN No.6142005

**The James and Laura Montague Family**

**Whereas:** During the spring of 1855 James and Laura Montague and their Children; William, Laura, Henry, Mary and Joseph, moved to their 200 acres in Section 27 of Green Township where Coolidge Road intersects the Muskegon River and

**Whereas:** The James and Laura Montague Family was the first pioneer settlers in Green Township and

**Whereas:** The James and Laura Montague Family was the third pioneer family to settle in Mecosta County and

**Whereas:** James and Laura Montague’s son, Private George W. Montague, a Member of Company F 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry, died dedending the American Dream and America during the Great War of the Rebellion and

**Whereas: Clyde William Montague, James and Laura’s descendent operated the Paris country store form 1910 through 1945 and**

**Whereas:** The descendants of James and Laura Montague still reside in Mecosta County, now

**Therefore Be It Resolved:** That the Green Township Board recognizes and honors the Montague family as the founding family of Green Township and the third family to reside in Mecosta County, and pays tribute to these early pioneers of Green Township and Mecosta County.

The Undersigned, being the Clerk of Green Township , does hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2005, the Green Board did approve the above Resolution No. 6142005.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk  
Green Charter Township

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve the following amendment in the General Fund. **MOTION CARRIED.** 7 YES Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
<b>GENERAL</b>						
<b>101-101-818</b>	<b>FIRE PROTECTION CONTRACT</b>	<b>\$ 64,643.55</b>	<b>\$ 64,612.39</b>	<b>\$ 31.16</b>	<b>\$ 64,643.55</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>from</b>	<b>from</b>					
<b>101-101-727</b>	<b>FIRE PROTECTION SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (31.16)</b>	<b>\$ 968.84</b>	<b>\$ 968.84</b>

**GENERAL FUND**

Account		Description	Budget	New	Amended Balance
101-11-970		SMALL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
101-101-972	NEW	LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	<b><u>TOWNSHIP HALL</u></b>				
101-265-970		SMALL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
101-265-972	NEW	LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
	<b><u>CEMETERY</u></b>				
101-276-970		SMALL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
101-276-972	NEW	LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00
101-276-971	CHANGE	CAPITAL OUTLAY LAND	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
	<b><u>PARKS</u></b>				
101-751-970		SMALL FIXED ASSETS	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
101-751-972		LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**GREEN GENERAL FUND** CK # 7188 THROUGH #7223 \$ 19,601.31  
**GREEN SEWER FUND** CK # 1985 THROUGH #1998 \$ 2,424.01  
**SUNRISE HAVEN** CK # 1006 \$ 5,215.96

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by B. Waldron to adjourn.  
**ADJOURN - MOTION CARRIED.** 7, at 10:00 p.m.

JANET CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK

