

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. JUNE 14, 2011.

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

ROBERT BALDWIN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE - ABSENT
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
JAMES CHAPMAN	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the May 14, 2011.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to accept the minutes of the May 14, 2011 **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent**

The minutes of the **June 6**, 2011 Park & Recreation Committee

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by D. MacFarlane to accept the minutes of the May 6, 2011 Park & Recreation meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

6-08-11 General fund balance	\$450,263.50
6-08-11 Sewer fund balance	\$496,298.86

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

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
5/02/11-6/01/11

Reading-----	137995780
Total Flow-----	822960
Average daily flow-----	27432

Mr. Vanderwater reported Denny a power outage on 6-7-2011 and determined a problem with the generator and lift station connections. The waste hauler Wright’s Septic was called in and three loads were hauled out, and this service also removed the grease from the lift station.

MOTION WAS MADE by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to authorize the supervisor and D. Vandawater to repair or replace the connection for the standby generator and the lift station.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Stephan

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Mr. James Coburn was present and requested a street light to be placed at the intersection of 23 Mile and 190th Avenue. There was a discussion on the hazardous corner and the energy company is Great Lakes.

STREET LIGHT INSTALLED 6-14-2011

MOTION WAS MADE by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to have Great Lakes Energy install a street light at 23 Mile and 190th Ave. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT** MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek, Stephan, Todd-absent

ROADS

Residents Mr. & Mrs. Wm Bittner were present to express concern on the condition of 230th Ave. north from 22 Mile to Meceola Rd. The complaint was it is so washboard they can hardly travel on it.

Mrs. Bittner indicated she had made a call to the Mecosta Co. Road Commission and they told her to call the township. There was a discussion and the consensus of the board was that this is a maintenance issue which is the responsibility of the County Road Commission. The board suggested she again call the road commission.

OLD BUSINESS

HIGH SPEED INTERNET

The supervisor reported on the status of the Communication Tower 2011 internet project.

1. Cement was poured this date 6-14-2011
2. Tower has been delivered
3. Installation of tower will possibly begin in about 2 weeks, cement must cure

6-14-2011 BOARD MEETING

POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF 2011

MOTION WAS MADE by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to adopt for Green Charter Township the Poverty Guidelines for 2011 tax year Family Unit Adjusted income rates.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.

2011 ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY REPORT

The 16th Annual Cleanup day expense to Allied waste was \$ 4,491.16 for 20.48 tons 107 participants. May 12, 2012 is the date scheduled for next year's cleanup day.

SEWER PLANT UPGRADE 30/60/90 PAYMENTS ON TREATMENT PLANT DEBT

The supervisor reported that it was determined that the prepayments Green Township and Big Rapids Township had made for paying down the principal on the sewer bond for the waste water treatment plant upgrade did not get appropriated to proper payment of the debt by the City of Big Rapids.

There was a discussion:

1. Refund has been received with interest this date 6-14-2011 - \$28,817.88
2. Township concludes the refund should be used to pay down the debt
3. Are the other entities going likewise do the same and pay down the debt?
4. Township legal council will be consulted on this issue
5. The clerk reported consulting with the township auditor and his recommendation for transparency was to create a line item in the budget and a bank account for deposit in the sewer fund

MOTION WAS MADE by B. Baldwin and supported by J. Peek to create line item in the sewer budget and a new bank account for the sewer debt refund from the City of Big Rapids for the debt on the waste water treatment plant upgrade bond. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT** Stephan, Todd-absent, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek

YARD SALE

Profit of \$897.57 to be used in the park & recreation funds.

There was a discussion on having a yard sale again next year. The consensus was that we may, but time could change due to possible work on Northland Drive next year.

NOTICE

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE WILL BE HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING HERE AT THE GREEN TOWNSHIP HALL JUNE 30, 211, 5- 6:30 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP'S ASSOC.

MOTION WAS MADE by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to continue membership in the Michigan Townships Association, annual dues \$1,605.53. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT** Stephan, Todd-absent, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek

PARK & RECREATION

STONE HATCHERY PARK BRICK REPAIR

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to contract with Rivertown Masonry Inc./Lloyd Boynton to repair the brick walls in the stone hatchery building and remove the old cement block in the south east corner for the cost \$2,600.. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT** Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Stephan

STONE HATCHERY GROUND WORK

MOTION was made by B. Baldwin and supported by N. Stephan to hire R. Spicer to remove the black dirt on the west side of the stone hatchery building and place on the upper level in the amount of \$1,000. Not to exceed \$1,500. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

There was a discussion on the following park issues:

1. Cleaning of walls?
2. Painting of walls?
3. Lead testing?
4. Park & Rec. Committee moved to proceed with bids for interior restoration of Stone Hatchery building.
5. Requested packet sent to board before July board meeting.

CEMETERY – GRAVE OPENING POSITION

Four applicants had been received for the position of digging the graves in the three cemeteries of the township, David Kailing, Iltis Construction, Tim Mortenson, Doug Worrall. There was a discussion.

MOTION WAS MADE by N. Stephan and supported by D. MacFarlane to hire D. Worrall for the position of grave opener in the three cemeteries of Green Township, and he must provide proof of liability insurance within 30 days. The rates of the burials will be set by the township board.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT

Tony Gieb present cemetery grave opener has resigned his position and the township will accept within 30 days once the new person submits proof of insurance.

WORKERS COMP INSURANCE- MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

MOTION WAS made by J. Peek and supported by B. Baldwin to continue with Michigan Municipal League for the township workers comp. insurance 2011 premium - \$1,001.00 **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent.** Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Stephan

COUNTRY MANOR ESTATES

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GREEN MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

COUNTRY MANOR ESTATES MHP WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OWNERSHIP RESOLUTION
WHEREAS, Country Manor Estates MHP located in the Charter Township of Green (the "Township") requires a Type I Public Water Supply (the "Country Manor Water System"); and
WHEREAS, the Township may delegate to a city, county, authority, district, or other public entity the acceptance of ownership and operational responsibility of any water supply within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not wish to delegate ownership of the Country Manor Water System to another public entity, thus allowing for private ownership of the Country Manor Water System; and **WHEREAS**, the Township has no desire to be in the public water utility business, and does not have the resources or desire to own or operate a public water system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Green Township Board of Trustees refuses to accept ownership or operational responsibility for the Country Manor Water System; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the ownership of the Country Manor Water System be held privately under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality or its designee in accordance with Act 399 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended, and the Administrative Rules promulgated there under in December 2009, including Rules 1704 (R 325.11704) and 1705 (R 325.11705).

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member James Peek and supported by Board Member James Chapman:

Upon Roll Call Vote, the following voted "AYE": 6

Nay: 0

Absent 1

The Supervisor declared the Resolution Adopted June 14, 2011

Janet Clark, Township Clerk

AIR CONDITIONER

The township hall air condition is not working and has serviced to find it will need to be replaced, it's 17 years old. Two estimates have been received. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to direct the supervisor to ask the difference between the 2 ½ and 3 ton and if it does make a difference in capacity, determine the need and accept the lowest bid from the two companies. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT** Stephan, Todd-absent, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek

CHARLIE BROWN PARK –

Repairs needed:

- Backboards
- Swing replaced
- Sand in sandbox

INTERNET TOWER INSTALLATION

The supervisor reported employees have been hired for the first stage of the tower installation.

The construction salary schedule is from \$7.25- \$17.50. The board recommended issuing payment now and not holding for 30 days. These expenses will be allocated from the tower budget.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Where is Green Township on the brining list?

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent –Stephan, Todd-absent, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Chapman, Peek

GENERAL FUND 5-16-11 CK # 10083- 10132 \$38,261.85

GREEN SEWER FUND 5-16-11 -CK # 2756 - 2768 \$3,958.22

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk