

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER
TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. JUNE 09, 2009.
THE SUPERVISOR OPENED THE MEETING AND LED THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE
OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

ROBERT BALDWIN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE - absent

MINUTES

May 9, 2009 regular board meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

April 6, 2009 Park & Recreation meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

6-04-09 General fund balance	\$682,523.42
4-04-09 Sewer fund balance	\$476,283.38

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

D. MacFarlane reported she talked with insurance agent Greg Dzwicki and the township insurance policy covers up to \$10,000.00 for forgery.

SEWER BILLING LATE

The supervisor B. Baldwin presented to the board for discussion the grace period on the sewer billing. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to extend the grace period to 21 days before a late charged would be charged. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
5/2/9 – 6/3/09

Reading-----117958450

Total Flow-----944700

Average daily flow-----29522.

Denny reported there was a power outage on Memorial Day for 3 ½ hours, generator was not needed.

Also reported the flow meter was calibrated, and heater was unplugged and will be replaced in the fall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER – KEVIN COURTNEY

K. Courtney was present and discussed community service work program, police reports, and the new undersheriff.

OLD BUSINESS

ROADS

B. Baldwin, supervisor reported he had attended the Mecosta County Road Commissioners meeting earlier this day expressing the urgency for priority with problem washout on Newcosta Avenue south of Ralph Wallace. County Engineer, E. Burch indicated the project needed a box culvert and would be very costly. Baldwin talked with C. Youngs, Osceola County engineer and his indication it could be completed with culvert extensions for a reasonable cost.

The following issues on roads were discussed:

Road projects priority for this 2009 season?

22 Mile Road county primary road, completion from 230th to Newcosta,(has been on list for 3 years) believe is greater priority than Round Lake Road.

18 Mile Road sealcoat from Northland Drive to 205th Avenue, with possible shared cost by Big Rapids Township (to save current blacktop). Need final price from county road commission.

Spruce road from 205th Avenue to end of blacktop (to save current blacktop) Need final price from county road commission.

Round Lake Road from 190th Avenue to Fir Drive (local road)

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to send another letter to the Mecosta County Road Commissioners with the following priority list and project estimate for each.

1. 22 Mile Road
2. 18 Mile Road sealcoat from Northland Drive to 205th Avenue
3. Spruce road from 205th Avenue to end of blacktop
4. Round Lake Road from 190th Avenue to Fur Drive

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT

PLANNING COMMISSION

The issue of planning commission or planning Committee still under investigation. Requesting further citizen viewpoint and may be discussed further at July's meeting.

CEMETERY SIGN REPLACE/ REPAIR

Two price bids have been received. There were questions, J. Clark, clerk will get more information and present it at the July meeting. G. Todd recommended the township keep the old engraved names signs of the cemeteries, because they were donated by residents. There was a discussion. No action taken.

STONE HATCHERY BUILDING & GROUNDS

Supervisor B. Baldwin reported he reviewed the maps and grounds of the Stone Hatchery with Dave Bash.

Items of discussion and were:

More drop on the property than maps indicated.

Some of tiles shown on map were never installed.

Suggested using drain tiles with sock and could cut the cost.

South drainage ditch is full and need cleaning.

Need to slope properly.

J. Clark and B. Baldwin will contact C. Young and R. Spicer, before work begins.

Since the rain will need to let dry up.

BIG RAPIDS CITY LIBRARY – FUNDING

The following attended the meeting with the City of Big Rapids at the Public Safety Building to discuss How to Partner with Library in the Future. B. Baldwin, J. Clark, D. MacFarlane, N. Stephan.

The following was reported from the special meeting.

Fiscal year 2007-2008 Library Financial Report

Report gives percents, not numbers that the township needs. A report similar to Reed City Library would be beneficial.

Mayor M. Warba indicated the City of Big Rapids would like a written response letter by June 29 on the township position on a District Library.

Consensus at this time is that the township is not interested in partnering with the City for a District Library, and continues the position of the previous April 20, 2009 letter to the City.

BASEMENT RECORDS STORAGE

There was a discussion on the records storage room in the basement. Explaining the room has plumbing pipes in the ceiling that need to be addressed. There was a discussion about a more waterproof and secure room.

TOWNSHIP HALL HOURLY WORKER

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Clark to hire hourly up to 10 hours for additional grounds work as needed. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES. 1 ABSENT** Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron-absent

SEWER USERCHARGE

There was a discussion concerning the sewer Usercharge depreciation and their accounting procedure for reserving the funds

HALL PARK

The board recommends purchasing a No Pets in Playground Area sign.

T. MacKellar is working on the horseshoe pit and sandbox area. K. Motawi will donate some of the lumber for these projects.

PARK EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Assessor E. Spalo will inspect the playground equipment weekly.

CEMETERY NEW SECTIONS MOWING

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to pay \$125.00 per mowing for the new sections in West Dalziel and Crapo White Pine Cemeteries. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES, 1 absent**

PUBLIC COMMENT

FIREWORKS – NO ACTION TAKEN

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP DUES

No action was taken to continue the discretionary dues assessment for legal defense fees.

STOP ROAD SIGN

G. Todd suggested the township request a road sign change from yield to stop at the intersection of Stonehouse and 180th Ave. There was a discussion and the supervisor will send a letter to the road commission for the request.

OLD SOUP BOWLS

N. Stephan brought it to the attention of the board that the township has 55 old soup bowls that are collectables and if the board wished she will put them on eBay. **MOTION** was made by J. Clark and supported by B. Baldwin to allow N. Stephan to list the old soup bowls on eBay for the township. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES. 1 ABSENT.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED.** 6 yes 1 absent Stephan, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron-absent

GENERAL FUND 5-14-09 – 6/29/09CK # 9133 -9166 \$25,922.22

GREEN SEWER FUND 5-12-09 -CK # 2499 - 2511 \$4,261.01

ADJOURN

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to adjourn. 9:20 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent

Janet Clark,
Township Clerk