

**THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. AUGUST 11, 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 –absent
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

**MINUTES**

July 14, 2009 regular board meeting minutes were presented.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2009. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

**May 18, 2009 Park & Recreation** meeting minutes were presented.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to accept the minutes of the May 18, 2009 Park & Recreation minutes. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

8-06-09 General fund balance	\$686,247.42
8-06-09 Sewer fund balance	\$478,084.04

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

Treasurer D. MacFarlane reported she will be splitting the monies among other banks to meet the FDIC requirements.

**SEWER REPORT**

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows: 7/1/9 – 8/2/09

Reading-----119625330

Total Flow-----865080

Average daily flow-----27034

All is going well. Denny reported the wet well is scheduled to be pumped out within the next 6 weeks. The company, P.C.S. will be pumping the City of Big Rapids wet wells.

There was a discussion on the infiltration into the city’s sewer system. the estimate 25%.seems excessive.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to convert the status of the Planning Commission to a township Planning Committee. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

There was also discussion when and if it would ever be decided to return to a planning commission, the township master plan would need to be updated. Presently the planning and zoning is done through Mecosta County.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ROADS**

The supervisor reported 22 Mile Road resurfacing , seal coating on Spruce Road and 18 Mile Road were completed. The intersection at Shamrock and 18 Mile and Northland was not seal coated.

J. Peek indicated he will contact S. Fenstermacher for an estimate on the above intersection not completed. Also noting a portion of Newcosta south of 22 Mile was blacktopped (approximately on tenth of a mile).

## LIBRARY

D. MacFarlane, N. Stephan, B. Baldwin, J. Clark attended the Big Rapids Public Schools board meeting August 10, 2009 where the City of Big Rapids approached the school board to consider forming a district library with the City of Big Rapids.

The township board also referred to our correspondence to the City of Big Rapids explaining the township is not interested in forming a district library with the city (letter dated 6-11-2009 to the city from supervisor B. Baldwin).

There was a discussion on issues of concern:

1. If a district library is formed, who pays?
2. If survey done, who pays?
3. Who would do survey and who determines the questions?
4. Who would it be sent to?

## SEWER USERCHARGE

There was a discussion on the ongoing sewer Usercharge issue:

1. Resolution being prepared by attorneys Jim White and Eric Williams.
2. Not ready by this board meeting (August 11, 2009).
3. All board members should be in attendance if special meeting is needed.
4. 10% was the number decided upon for the percent to use for administrative costs.
5. If attorneys have meeting with city manager, the two supervisors should also be in attendance.

## STONE HATCHERY PARK

### PROGRESS UPDATE

**J. Clark, clerk reported on the following work projects on the Stone Hatchery Park**

1. **CHIMNEY** - restoration has been completed by Rivertown Masonry Inc. Lloyd Boynton.
2. **CARPENTRY WORK** – the repair of wood trim around the restored chimney has been completed by Brian Thompson. The copper flashing around the chimney did not need replacing. It was found that behind the chimney holes needed repair and Mr. Thompson would do for the price that would have been for the copper flashing.
3. **ENTRANCE IN PLACE OF WINDOW** – An access entrance on the east side of the building has been opened up where one of the window openings was. This was done for improved access to the building. Lloyd Boynton shared half of the cost.
4. **EXCAVATION WORK** – Ron Spicer has opened up much of the proposed park area. Work is going well.
5. **TRAIL WORK**- J. Jones and community service workers have been working on opening up the paths on the ridge just north of the Stone Hatchery Park. Much has been done and more will be needed.
6. **COMMUNITY SERVICE** – Township will be using the community service workers for additional work on ground prep and trails.
7. **CHIPPER** - If a when chipper is used contract/hire with operator
8. **GRASS SEED – HORSESHOE PIT AREA** – Karen Motawi has low growth grass seed to use in the horseshoe pit area.
9. **HALL PARK TREES (3)** – the three trees were planted by New Horizon (purchased at 75% off) and the previous purchased trees at township hall were mulched and fertilized while they were here. Denise & Janet commented the tree that looked almost dead has now come back nicely.
10. **STONE HOUSE SHORES LOT FOR SALE #1** - The property owner of lot 1 in Stonehouse Shores has contacted the township, stating that he is interested in selling this lot to the township. The board will investigate.

**OLD HATCHERY TANKS**

There was a discussion on the old fish tanks in the old hatchery building. The board recommends keeping at least one for inside and try listing on internet for sale and seeing if there is interest before making decision on what to do with them.

It was also discussed and recommended to remove the block walls of the rooms in the stone hatchery. They are not supporting walls.

**SEEDING STONE HATCHERY SITE**

There was a discussion on the seeding of the stone hatchery site.

- 1. Hydro seeding
- 2. Seeding & mulch
- 3. Contracting for services
- 4. Community service workers & volunteers

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to seed and fertilize the Stone Hatchery Park up to \$1,200.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Stephan**

**BRIDGE**

It was asked on the status of research on the proposed bridge over Paris Creek, fabricated by FSU students welding department. No information at this time was available. Although J. Clark reported a bridge company may be sending us a proposal.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Clair Quant was in attendance asking the board why Round Lake Road is not being repaired this year. There was a discussion.

J. Peek explained the issue of 22 Mile Road and Round Lake Road.

18 Mile Road tar & chip was stopped at Shamrock and not completed to Northland Drive  
Trustee J. Peek accompany Clair Quant to the next road commission meeting to discuss Round Lake Rd.

It was asked when the shoulder work would be done on 22 Mile Road.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the following budget amendments in the sewer and general funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**  
Waldron, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Stephan

	A	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	8/11/2009						
2	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>AMENDED</b>
3					<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>NEW</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>						<b>\$ -</b>
5							
6	101-751-702	PARK & REC WAGES	\$ 1,290.50	\$ 700.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,409.50
7	from	FROM					
8	101-751-970	PARK & REC SMALL ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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10	<b>SEWER FUND</b>						
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12	590-000-808	AUDIT	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
13	from						
14	590-000-910	INSURANCE & BOND	\$ 3,744.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ (100.00)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 456.00
15							
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There was a discussion to schedule another sewer meeting with the City of Big Rapids and Big Rapids Township. There have now been five draft proposals. Also if when the attorneys meet and city manager is there, the township will request our supervisors need to be there also.

**TOWNSHIP HALL HOURLY WORKER**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by R. Baldwin to hire hourly up to 15 hours for additional grounds work as needed. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent.** Todd-absent, Stephan, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Waldron

**LIBRARY**

The supervisor will send a letter to the Big Rapids Public Schools Superintendent and President of the School Board explaining the township's position on a district library.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**GENERAL FUND** 7-22-09 – 8/11/09 CK # 9111 - 9256 \$32,018.46

**GREEN SEWER FUND** 7-22-09 -CK # 2522 - 2530 \$5,376.11

**ADJOURN**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by B. Baldwin to adjourn. 9:30 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent**

Janet Clark,  
Township Clerk