

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

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular, August 8, 2005 board meeting

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of August 8, 2005 meeting. Motion carried 6 yes, 1 absent.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

8-03-05 General Fund, balance \$723,420.83

8-03-05 Green Charter Township Sewer Fund \$392,424.91

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

CD will be up for renewal at the end of September.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present and will fax the report

The sewer report of Green Township as follows:

7-29-05 to 8-31-05

Reading-----74681790

Total flow-----1137700

Average daily flow-----34476

All is working fine.

D. Vandawater has not received any requests for an inspection in Sunrise Estates subdivision Steve Fenstermacher is to give him at least a 24 hour notice.

HILLS OF MITCHELL CREEK

The township has received a copy of the City of Big Rapids' resolution to amend the Wastewater Treatment Agreement between City of Big Rapids and the Charter Township of Green.

And a revised copy of the agreement edited by the township attorney.

J. Peek reported the two documents are not the same and that he is recommending the township include the following additional language:

1. Increased Green Charter Township capacity
2. Fairgrounds property on the west side of Sheridan St. possible connection
3. Fire contract extension

There was a discussion. No action was taken.

MECOSTA/OSCEOLA TRANSIT AUTHORITY – GARY SCHUBERG

Gary Schuberg was present to discuss with the board the mileage election for the transit authority to be held on November 8th. There was a discussion on public transportation and disaster preparedness.

BASE MAP STONE FISH HATCHERY PARK

A base map for the Stone Fish Hatchery Park needed for Marlies Manning of Manning Design Landscape Architecture, to begin the master planning process for the park.

Prine & Newhoff can produce the base map of the park, using GIS,

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by A. Grant to prepare a base map of the townships property, including Paris Creek. Not to exceed \$275.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**, Grant, Todd, Chipman, Wellnitz, Clark, Peek, Waldron-absent

ROADS

There has been an issue with the right of ownership to the wood from the trees being cut on the road project of 200th and Oak Avenues. The Mecosta County Road Commission has been contacted and will meet with the resident to discuss the problem. Green Charter Township contracts with the road commission, who is in charge of these issues.

WEST MICHIGAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES SURVEY – The supervisor reported he'd completed the survey. The board recommended the 19 Mile Road interchange needed to be added to the survey.

CEMETERY

LOT SALES RATES– PARKHILL

J. Clark - clerk presented to the board a spread sheet of the cemetery land purchases and improvement costs, to help determine if a rate increase was necessary for the lot sales.

The board determined no rate increase was warranted at this time. However when the new sections of West and Crapo Cemeteries are plotted out for burial sites it would have to be reviewed.

PARKHILL FENCE ENCROCHMENT

J. Clark reported a call had been received from the property owner next to the Parkhill Cemetery informing the township that the fence is over on his property. He explained that he was not upset, but felt that the issue needed to be resolved. The clerk will get the survey map for trustee G. Todd to check out the situation and report to the board at the next meeting.

TAPES OF MINUTES POLICY

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to keep the tapes of the board meeting for 90 days and then reuse or destroy. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

STUMP GRINDGER

J. Clark asked the board if the township could rent a stump grinder to remove the stumps at the park entrance? There was a discussion and G. Todd reported there were other stumps in the cemeteries that need to be removed also. The board directed the clerk to get prices for hiring a professional stump removal company to come in and do the work.

VACUUM PURCHASE

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to purchase a new vacuum up to \$200.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

FEMA – INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSE

National Incident Management System IS-00700 & IS-00800 has been completed by J. Clark.

TOWNSHIP HALL GENERATOR

The clerk brought to the attention of the board that the possible need for generator at the township hall in the event of an emergency. There was a discussion and the consensus of the board was to have Jim Chipman review the situation and get information for the board to address at a later meeting.

NOVEMBER 8, 2005 SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek that because of the Special Election, to change the November 8th board meeting to November 9th. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.**

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendment in the General fund. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>						
101-751-972	LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 18,000.00	\$ (15,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
from	from				\$ -	
101-751-818	CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00

KITCHEN APPLIANCE PURCHASE

C. Chipman reported she had done some checking on a new refrigerator and stove for the township hall.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to purchase a new refrigerator and stove for the hall kitchen up to \$1,000.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

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

CHARTER COMMUNICATION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Donna Fike of Charter Communication called with regards to their franchise agreement with Green Charter Township.

Franchise agreement was renewed in 2004 retro to 2003.

Prior franchise fee was at 2% with the new agreement it was increased to 5%.

Charter did not let the customers know and have been paying Green Charter Township 3%, equal to what they were getting, not the 5% as in the renewal agreement.

She is asking that the township forgive the 2% that is due.

I explained it is the board’s decision but we would need all this information in writing.

I also suggested the township get free high speed internet service through them.

She said because of the continuing changes in technology they haven’t been offering free internet to governments.

I then suggest we get the high speed at the residential rate rather than the commercial rate, explaining the internet is used less here than in a home.

She was going to check with her boss and get back with us.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by D. Grant and supported by G. Todd to approve payment of the following bills:

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

GREEN GENERAL FUND CK # 7301 THROUGH # 7342 \$ 19,943.11

GREEN SEWER FUND CK # 2012 THROUGH # 2020 \$ 7,072.99

SUNRISE HAVEN CK # 1016 \$ 549.88

J. Peek reported that the basketball backboard ordered will not fit the poles at Charlie Brown Park.

ADJOURN –MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by C. Chipman to adjourn, **MOTION CARRIED.** 6 yes 1 absent, at 10:00 p.m.

JANET CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK