

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. SEPTEMBER 13, 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
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
JAMES CHAPMAN	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the August 9, 2011.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the August 9, 2011

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

9-8-11 General fund balance	\$456,229.20
9-8-11 Sewer fund balance	\$517,393.68
General fund receipts-	\$48,557.71
Sewer fund receipts -	\$5,213.23

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

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
(He forgot paper work with readings and will send in tomorrow)

Reading-----	1404339330
Total Flow-----	625290
Average daily flow-----	28039

Vandawater presented the board information on the generator for the sewer lift station to review. There was a discussion and a decision will be made at a later meeting. A standby generator from Big Rapids Township will be available to the Township in an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Commissioner Kevin Courtney was present and informed the board of the public hearing Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. on ORV vehicles being allowed on road right of ways in Mecosta County on all roads except Federal or State highways. There was a discussion.

Matthew Johnson of CleanBlast was present to thank the board for allowing them to clean blast the stone hatchery building.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTRY MANOR

Letter from township attorney has been sent (July 29, 2011) to Mr. Smith. There are questions and concern for emergency vehicle entering Country Manor Park if gate is closed.

INTERNET PROJECT

The supervisor reported the internet tower installation is complete functioning and Tucker is proceeding with installations. Vender Kevin Tucker was present and reported the grounding and fencing has been completed. 17 have been connected and 12 more waiting to be installed.

There was a discussion the following issues:

- Homeowner antenna height
- Signal blocking by tree and hills
- Possible installation of power poles to reach above trees
- Increase of power of signal
- Idea of networking with cable
- Solar panels for electric

ANIMAL CONTROL

Residents in a subdivision of the township have been in with a complaint concerning habitual barking dogs. There was a discussion and suggestion was, have the association develop rules for habitual barking dog. County prosecutor has told the sheriff dept. that their noise ordinance is unconstitutional.

STREET LIGHT GREAT LAKES

The clerk reported that the new street light on 23 mile and 190th Ave is 250 Watts compared to the other that is 100 Watts, which is more costly. The board recommended the township send a letter to Great Lakes requesting a change.

COUNTRY MANOR

The treasurer reported Mr. Smith has issues with the township sewer billing, new connection and disconnections; Jim White has been notified and will wait for his response.

The township discussed reviewing the Township sewer ordinance.

Entrance gate to Country Manor has been checked for emergency vehicle clearance and it was adequate, but the Public Safety Director did suggest reflective tape on it.

STONE HATCHERY PAINTING

There was a discussion on the finished paint job on the inside of the stone hatchery building, comment was the difference between the old and new wood.

ROADS

Mecosta County Engineer David Molnar was present to discuss 2011 road projects and road projects for 2012 and asked if a township board member wished to go on the road ride around.

The following was discussed:

1. 220th bridge DEQ permits have been issued and will be taking out old material soon.
2. Newcosta at Ralph Wallace property both culverts will be replaced in October
3. 22 mile from Northland to Newcosta the crack sealing will be done by the MCRC, "crack sealing one mile of road is estimated to cost \$4,000.
4. Washout at Newcosta and 22 Mile has been repaired from the heavy rain.
5. 190th Ave. south of Hoover washout problem

TOWNSHIP PRIORITY ROAD PROJECT LIST FOR 2012

205th Avenue between Spruce and 19 Mile Rd - grind and asphalt (increase shoulder width

HALL RENTAL COMPLAINT

It was reported that resident who rented the banquet room of the township hall was dissatisfied with the condition of the restrooms and was requesting her money back. Explaining the rent is very reasonable and the conditions were not that extreme.

MOTION was made by B. Baldwin and supported by N. Stephan to return the deposit and not to refund the rental charge. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

POLICYHOLDER DISCLOSURE NOTICE OF TERRORISM INSURANCE COVERAGE

A notice has been received from the U.S. Insurance Company for terrorism insurance coverage. There was a discussion no decision was made. We will call and get more information from MTA and our insurance company.

CEMETERY ORDINANCE 1ST DRAFT

A proposed first draft of a township cemetery ordinance was presented to the township board for review.

INTERNET TOWER LEASE

The internet tower lease draft was presented to the township board for review. Kevin Tucker was present and has a revised draft reviewed by their Telecom attorney for the township to review.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HALL USE

Special Olympics local volunteers are asking to use the township hall for the recognition awards banquet. Jim and Kim Chapman will burn the brush at the Stone Hatchery Park for the contribution of using the hall.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following amendment in the General Fund. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**, Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

9/13/2011						
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW BUDGET	AMENDED BALANCE
GENERAL FUND						\$ -
101-325-702	COMMUNICATIONS WAGES (PAYROLL FROM	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 4,300.00
101-325-818	CONTRACTED SERVICES COMMUNICATI	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 10,001.00	\$ (4,000.00)	\$ 6,001.00	\$ 3,151.00
						\$ -
						\$ -
					\$ -	\$ -
101-751-818	REC & PARK CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 665.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 635.00	\$ 665.00	\$ -
101-751-972	REC & PARK LARGE ASSETS	\$ 42,800.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 12,800.00	\$ 42,800.00	\$ -
from					\$ -	\$ -
101-101-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$126,723.72	\$ 13,435.00	\$ 140,158.72	\$ 140,158.72

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES – Peek, Chapman, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan

GENERAL FUND 8/10/11-9/13/11 CK #10232- #10283 \$62,678.76

GREEN SEWER FUND 8/11/11-9/13/11 CK # 2795 - #2804 \$3,474.56

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Janet Clark, Township Clerk