

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

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 - ABSENT
BARBARA WALDRON	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the regular August 10, 2010 board meeting.

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by D. MacFarlane to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2010. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent**

Public comment on spelling of the name “Clare Kwant” correction.

The clerk presented the minutes of the Park & Recreation meeting of August 30, 2010.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2010 Park & Recreation meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes, 1 absent**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

9-09-10 General fund balance	\$622,863.46
9-09-10 Sewer fund balance	\$477,437.40

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

The treasurer reported one CD has been cashed in and one will mature soon for the building projects funding.

SEWER REPORT

Dennis Vandawater was present to present the sewer report of Green Charter Township as follows:
7/30/10-9/01/10

Reading-----130370140

Total Flow-----861250

Average daily flow-----26098

All is working fine.

D. Vandawater reported all is set for winter. He did suggest if the vacuum pumping contractor was in the area, cleaning of the wet well before winter would be appropriate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Clare Kwant was present to report on his meeting with the Mecosta County Road Commissioners concerning Round Lake Road. He reported MCRC John Currie met with him on Round Lake Road and has directed Mike Maneke – to price wedging in the two worst areas and could maybe put on the list for next year with Green’s cooperation. The estimate given was \$2,500.00.

Mr. Kwant asked the board representative to contact the Mecosta County Road Commission concerning the Round Lake Road.

OLD BUSINESS

NOISE ORDINANCE

There was continued discussion on the need for a noise ordinance in the township. It was determined the board needs to move forward by having a small committee of G. Todd, B. Baldwin, and N. Stephan, work with sample ordinances to draft a “Noise Ordinance” for Green Township. After an ordinance is prepared, there will be notices and hearings to adopt the ordinance.

BIG RAPIDS LIBRARY

The following "Mayors Plan" has been received from the City of Big Rapids.

1. Look at possible revisions to the Charter regarding the library board's role.
2. If the library is to be a community library contact must be maintained with the townships.
3. Checks and balances need to be created.
4. Look at having Township representation on library board/ if contributions are being requested from the townships.
5. Determine costs saving measures.
6. Identify library users.
7. The library board needs to redefine the library mission.
 1. Target young readers and senior readers
 2. Look at new technologies
 3. Look at the libraries future
8. Inform new Librarian they are on a six month probation period, with a report and review to be given the commission.
9. The library is and will remain a Class IV, with salary at Level 6, supervised by neighborhood services.

REED CITY LIBRARY

The following report is annual statement regarding Green Township's penal fines for the Reed City Public Library.



410 W. Upton Ave Reed City, MI 49677 Phone (231) 832-2131 Fax (231) 832-2131

August 11, 2010

Carolyn Chipman
Green Charter Township
21431 Northland Drive
Paris, MI 49338

This is the annual statement regarding Green Township's penal fines as agreed in our open-ended contract signed June 17, 1991.


For the last half of 2009 population served of 1070 x \$3.318617 per capita = \$ 3,550.92
For the first half of 2010 population served of 1070 x \$2.81835 per capita = \$ 3,015.63
Total amount of penal fines received was \$ 6,566.55

Our main source of funding continues to be penal fines. Again, due to a reduction of penal fines received this past fiscal year, the majority of penal fines were not able to cover the contracted amount for the townships. Therefore, most contracted townships owe the contracted amount that the penal fines did not cover: PLFIG (Public Library Funding Initiative Group) continues to research new avenues of funding. We continue to rely on the support of your township, library patrons and very much appreciate it.

Throughout the past year, the Reed City Public Library has been looking for a new home. Our lease in the Osceola County Annex Building expires June 30, 2012. We hope to be moving into the Reed City Area Public Schools Administration building on South Chestnut sometime in June or July of 2012. In 2010, RCPL enjoyed another successful summer reading program with even more participants than the previous year. Furthermore, RCPL continues to offer quality materials in book, magazine, books on tape/ CD and DVD/ VHS formats. One of our most utilized services in the past year has been our internet access including free wireless network. We have successfully served over 7,000 walk-in pc computer users within the past fiscal year. WOW!

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to arrange to have me speak to your township board, please feel free to contact me at the library (231) 832-2131.

Respectfully,


Amy Bontekoe, Director
Reed City Public Library

Supervisor reported the following information he requested from Heather Symon Interim Director has been received.

321 Green Township residents are current cardholders at RCPL

For 2009/2010 fiscal year, there were 227 visits to the RCPL by Green Township residents.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

No action was taken, suggested representative possibly attend next meeting.

STONE HATCHERY RENOVATION

Stone Hatchery Building renovation is in progress with half of the roof shingled and should be done soon.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATION

The township hall renovation brick is going on, drywall in process of installation and north window is in.

NEW BUSINESS

FINAL ORDER OF TAX ALLOCATION BOARD

The tax Allocation Board met and issued the Final Order approving maximum tax rates for the purposes of each local unit.

Effective for the 2010 tax levy Townships – 1.0000 mill, Intermediate Schools - 0.2494 mill, Mecosta County - 5.7882 mills

FLOOR COVERING – TOWNSHIP HALL ADDITION

Linda Sweet of Sweet Tile & Carpet was present to discuss with the board the options for the floor coverings for the township hall new addition. Mrs. Sweet proposed to the board equal or greater product options than 25 years ago and a non raveling carpet.

There was a discussion on the following issues.

1. Solid Vinyl Wood Look floor, Porcelain or ceramic tile
2. Installation issues
3. Prep work issues
4. Concrete sealer and application suggests doing on a Friday allowing weekend to air out
5. Removal of existing quarry in door entrance
6. Special buy from manufacture Sept. 21 – Nov. 8
7. Are less expensive products, but are would not recommend.
8. Recommends leaving hallway as is.
9. Reviewed colors.
10. Carpet has built in stain resistance

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to move forward with the renovation improvements and approve the floor covering installation in the renovation of the township hall for the kitchen, new addition and new vestibule for the submitted estimated total of \$8,807.77 from Sweet Tile & Carpet in the carpet & tile selected by the board. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT.** Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan, Peek-absent

HALL RENOVATION ADD ONS

There was a discussion on the requirement for a grease trap in the kitchen and corner post at the north and south west corners of the new addition.

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the installation of the kitchen grease trap and the corner posts for the new addition. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

WESTERN INSURANCE AGENCY - INSURANCE UPDATE

The report has been received from the township Insurance Company with the new addition information and cemetery building coverage.

ROADS

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS ON NORTHLAND DRIVE FROM 205TH AROUND COZY CURVE UP TO SHAMROCK BLVD.

There was a discussion on working with MDOT, Big Rapids City, Big Rapids Township and Mecosta County Road Commission to have consistent speed limits through this area. Presently there are multiple different speed limits in this short area.

MDOT

Is requesting items of sidewalks or other items of interest on the work between 19 Mile & Meceola Rd. for the proposed reconstruct mill and fill project. The discussion was:

1. The existing sidewalk along the east side of Northland Drive between Mill Street and Water Street.
2. Designated cross walk on Northland Drive at Mill Street and the Green Township Hall.
3. Entrance to the Stone Hatchery Park facility just south of the township hall.

205th NO THRU TRUCKS BETWEEN 19 MILE & NORTHLAND

Mecosta County Road Commission suggest Green Township pass a resolution for no thru trucks on 205th Ave. between 19 Mile and Northland Drive. There was a discussion, no action taken.

ANNA HOWARD SHAW DIRECTION SIGN

A report has been received from MDOT for a direction historical sign at 22 Mile; there was a discussion on the cost. The board wished to continue researching this issue.

COUNTRY MANOR ESTATES – WATER SYSTEM

There was a discussion on the sewer and water system in County Manor.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

No decision to sign contract.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The board recommended to have the Eagle Scouts clean around the marker plates in the new sections of the cemeteries.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS

Charter Business has given a proposal for phone service. No action taken.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to approve the budget amendments in the general fund. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES, 1 absent** Waldron, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Stephan, Peek-absent

9/14/2010						
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED AMOUNT	NEW NEW	AMENDED BALANCE
GENERAL FUND						\$ -
101-265-976	TOWNHALL : ADDITIONS & IMPROVEME	\$ 58,758.70	\$ 30,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 41,241.30
from	FROM					
101-101-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 112,564.01	\$70,000.00	\$ 182,564.01	\$ 182,564.01
					\$ -	\$ -

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

GENERAL FUND 8/11/10 - 9/14/10 CK # 9723 - 9770 \$76,717.81

GREEN SEWER FUND 9/14/10 Ck # 2672-2681 \$1,884.49

ADJOURNED

Supervisor Bob Baldwin closed out meeting at 8:50 PM.

Janet Clark, Clerk