

2-14-2017

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER 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.

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

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the 1-10-2017 budget hearing.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan to accept the minutes of the budget hearing. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

The clerk presented the minutes of the 1-10-2017 regular board meeting.

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the 1-10-2017 regular board meeting with the correction of removing the gross amount for the deputies and including the rate of \$12.50 per hour for the deputies of the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

2-9-2017 General fund balance \$492,787.99

2-9-2017 Sewer fund balance \$514,144.71

2-9-2017 Cherry Meadows Special Assessment Cash Checking \$3,894.10

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

ASSESSING REPORT

The assessing report for January 2017 from assessor E. Spalo will be received tomorrow, copies will be sent to the board by email and submitted at next month board meeting.

SEWER REPORT

Green Charter Township sewer report as follows:

1/1/2017 - 1/31/2017 30 days

Reading 191989380

Total Flow 884250

Average daily flow 29475

D. Vandawater reported since the flow was up he had checked the manholes and there was no unusual concerns. D. Vandawater indicated he will work on the operations and maintenance check list. All is working fine.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

AMERICAN RED CROSS – DICK DUNNILL DISASTER PROGRAM SPECIALIST (WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER)

Mr. Dunnill was present and addressed the board and expressed the interest the Red Cross has to use the Green Charter Township hall for a storage site facility for emergency supplies and a shelter site. There was a discussion:

- There would be a signed agreement with Green Charter Township and The Red Cross.
- Township hall would be used for a shelter opened by the Red Cross.
- Cleanup of facility would be done by the Red Cross.
- Standby generator and kitchen facility are at the township hall.
- Mecosta County does have other facilities available for use in a disaster.
- 24-7 access would be needed.
- No compensation from the Red Cross.
- Red Cross would bring supplies.
- Red Cross has shelter trailers and emergency response vehicles.
- One concern would be if the township is already rented for an event.
- The discussion was that if there was a disaster, the event would likely be canceled.
- It was suggested to put in the hall rental contract to hold harmless the township if in an emergency the rental would be canceled.
- Red Cross insurance would cover any damages by them or residents using the facility.

MOTION was made by K. Cushway and supported by G. Todd to authorize the Green Charter Township hall facility as an American Red Cross Emergency Facility.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT Peek absent, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Cushway, Stephan

Four Seasons Sanitation

Not present

OLD BUSINESS

MIKA MYERS OPINION REGARDING TWP. PENSION ORDINGANCE

The opinion letter dated February 8, 2017 has been received and placed on file.

The attorney explained “it is our opinion that there is no impact on the validity of the Ordinance by virtue of its reference to a repealed statute, because the Township had actual authority under state law to enact the Ordinance when and as it did.”

REED CITY DISTRICT LIBRARY GREEN TWP. REPRESENTATIVE

Green Charter Township resident Mary Neal was present and expressed her interest in representing the township as a (non-voting) representative to the Reed City District Library Board.

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by D. MacFarlane to appoint Mary Neal as the representative from Green Charter Township to the Reed City District Library Board, as a non-voting member. **MOTION CARRIED 6 YES 1 ABSENT**

SMILE PROGRAM - NEW TV

The supervisor reported the county will pay \$500.00 toward a new larger TV at the township for the Smile Program. Suggesting 60-65 inch TV, stable movable cart with shelves for equipment.

MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by D. MacFarlane authorize the supervisor to move forward with the TV (purchased by the county) and stand as proposed by the supervisor up to \$1,000.

MOTION CARRIED 6 YES 1 ABSENT

Stephan, Cushway, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Peek-absent

NEW BUSINESS

LOT SPLIT – TIMBER POINTE LOT 62 AND LOT 62

Richard Fraser and David and Carol Bjarnesen

The owners of Lot 62 and Lot 63, Timber Pointe, Part of Section 12, T16N, Green Township, Mecosta County wish to modify the property lines in accordance with the submitted survey, legal descriptions (revised) and zoning clearance. The reason for this request is that upon a self-survey of lot 62's property line was found that a portion of the septic tank was on lot 63.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the lot split of parcel 54-01-056-063-000 of property known as lot #63 of Timber Pointe Subdivision, conveyed to parcel 54-01-056-062-000, of property known as lot #62 of Timber Pointe Part of section 12, T16N-R10W as indicated on the proposed submitted map. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES, 1 ABSENT**

MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY - No action taken

PROPERTY EXEMPTION GUIDELINES

MOTION was made by B. Baldwin and supported by N. Stephan to set the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) at 100% for 2017.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 ABSENT

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The City of Big Rapids Public Safety has given Green Township their spare AED. They have received new AED through a Mecosta County Grant. Deputy Supervisor Jim Chapman was present and explained it is at standard rate to new. He will give the board instructions on how to use and any interested township residents. It is to be mounted in a cabinet on the wall with an access alarm.

The Big Rapids Fire Chief will be at the township March meeting.

STEVE WRIGHT COMMUNICATION TOWER REPORT

S. Wright was present to report to the board about the township communications tower.

- Tower standing well
- In the spring will be doing brush clearing
- Issues with contractor paying for use of tower (collections)

ROAD COMMISSION UPDATES

Michigan's 2018 budget may have additional monies for road projects. Mecosta Co. Rd. Comm. is looking at another version for Spruce Bridge.

Round Lake Road project has received 2 estimates (22 ft. option at \$131,671.60 or 24 ft. option at \$136,819.60) No action taken.

THE TOWNSHIP WILL BE TAKING BIDS FOR 2017 LAWN CARE SEASON

The supervisor will draft a bid document and send to the board for review before posting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

G. Todd reported the electric box at the Stone Hatchery needs to always be locked.

ENTRANCE SIGN AT STONE HATCHERY

There was a discussion and Ferris is looking at doing the metal sign possibly yet this spring. A stone mason needs to be contacted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Dale Jernstadt was present and discussed the Spruce Rd. Bridge, indicating the Road Commission may be taking a second look at the project which would have to be approved by DEQ.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent Peek, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Cushway, Stephan

| 2/14/2017 BUDGET YEAR 2016-2017 AMENDMENTS | | | | | | |
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| ACCOUNT | DESCRIPTION | ACTUAL | BUDGET | AMENDED AMOUNT | NEW BUDGET | AMENDED BALANCE |
| GENERAL FUND | | | | | | |
| 101-171-706 | DEPUTY SUPERVISOR | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 1,050.00 | \$ - |
| from | | | | | \$ - | \$ - |
| 101-171-726 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 3.54 | \$ 250.00 | \$ (50.00) | \$ 200.00 | \$ 196.46 |
| | | | | | \$ - | \$ - |
| SEWER FUND | | | | | | |
| 590-000-727 | POSTAGE | \$ 347.91 | \$ 327.00 | \$ 22.00 | \$ 349.00 | \$ 1.09 |
| from | | | | | \$ - | \$ - |
| 590-00-726 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$ 196.95 | \$ 323.00 | \$ (22.00) | \$ 301.00 | \$ 104.05 |
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| 590-000-818 | IPP QUARTERLY | \$ 962.88 | \$ 800.00 | \$ 165.00 | \$ 965.00 | \$ 2.12 |
| from | | | | | \$ - | \$ - |
| 590-00-817 | WWTP CITY O&M GN TWP | \$ 28,015.79 | \$ 36,100.00 | \$ (165.00) | \$ 35,935.00 | \$ 7,919.21 |
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AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

GENERAL FUND 1/17/2017–2/14/2017 12782- # 12812 \$ 16,056.72

CHERRY MEADOWS GCTSARF Ck # 04 \$121.88

SEWER FUND 1/13/2017- 2/14/2017 CK # 3489 - # 3502 \$17,8691.63

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 2/14/2017 – 8:50 P.M. meeting adjourned