

4-4-2017

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.

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

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the 3-14-2017 regular board meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the 3-14-2017 regular board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes**

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurers report:

3-30-2017 General fund balance \$548,597.64

3-9-2017 Sewer fund balance \$512,745.46

3-9-2017 Cherry Meadows Special Assessment Cash Checking \$3,962.07

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

ASSESSING REPORT

The March board of review minutes were presented for the board to review.

The assessor report will be received next month.

SEWER REPORT

Green Charter Township sewer report as follows:

D. Vandawater was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PARKS & RECREATION

Resident Gary Scramling was present and presented to the board a proposal for benches and walk nature paths at the Stone Hatchery Park and area and the 180th river access using old utility poles, Gary Scramling and Dick Hurst are volunteering to do the installation work. The proposed estimate cost was \$300.00. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by J. Clark to authorize up to \$350.00 for materials for this park project. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**, Cushway, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Stephan

Resident Dale Jernstadt was present and expressed to the board the excellent lawn care service that has been done by M&M at West Cemetery.

Mr. Jernstadt also expressed his concern of liability and need for the work to be done on Spruce Road bridge.

Trustee Kelly Cushway brought it to the attention of the board the problem of accidents at 20 Mile and Ash Drive. Noting there was another accident at this location this past weekend, making it the fourth drive off this season. There was a discussion. J. Peek suggest the Road Commission put stop signs at this intersection.

OLD BUSINESS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to remove the grounds bids from the table. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.**

The supervisor and trustee G. Todd talked with the owner of Pro Turf about the bid he had submitted and questioned if he would be able to accomplish the grounds work as required as per the bid document. There was a discussion. What recourse if work not completed to requirement?

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by Kelly Cushway to contract with Pro Turf for 2017 lawn care season at the cost of \$5,200.00. **MOTION CARRIED. 5 YES 2 Nay.** Cushway, Todd nay, MacFarlane, Baldwin nay, Clark, Peek, Stephan

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor announced that 4/1/2017 -3/31/2018 budget year has now begun.

ROAD COMM. MEETING OF 3/21/2017 REPORT FROM THE SUPERVISOR
No further information/report on the Spruce bridge project.

The supervisor asked of the board that there not be any contentious discussions or battles between the township board members at other commissions/board meetings. The supervisor is the chief negotiating representative for the township and it is appreciate that at that type of meeting the township board members present be on the same plain of understanding.

Other information concerning the Mecosta County Road Commission,

1. Employees retiring
2. Another version for Spruce Bridge not seen yet
3. Talk of Road commission sharing an engineer with The City of Big Rapids.
4. Looking for cost savings.

HALL RENTAL CONTRACT - DEPOSIT REFUND PROCESS

The offices personnel have been in contact with the township auditor and he has suggested the township have the renter pickup and sign having received the deposit check after the use of the hall. There was a discussion and a plan was sent to the auditor to review. "Deposit returned by mail waiver, initial and date" done at the same time signing the rental contract. No action taken at this time.

THE SUPERVISOR ASKED THE BOARD TO SUBMITT 2017 PROJECT PROPOSALS

STONE HATCHERY PARK PORTA –TOILET CEMENT PAD AND SIDEWALK

There was a discussion concerning the installation of a cement pad for porta-toilets at the Stone Hatchery Park and side walk leading up to them. There was a discussion concerning location size, depth and contractor. Suggesting the following;

Location – approximately 50’ north of the handicap parking

Size – large enough for 4 porta- toilets

Direction – all face the south

Sidewalk wide enough for two wheel chairs to travel, 6” deep

Reinforce with re-wire mesh

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by N. Stephan to proceed and have the supervisor get 3 quotes and then call a special meeting to make a decision.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT FOR May 2, 2017 SPECIAL ELECTION

Copy for N. Stephan, G. Todd, J. Clark

Date: April 4, 2017 7:00 p.m. the Green Charter Township Election Commission meet to appoint the election inspectors for the

May 2, 2017 Special Election

Members present: G. Todd, N. Stephan, J. Clark

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by N. Stephan appointing the following inspectors for the May 2, 2017 special election.

Motion carried 3 yes

Connie Cooley, Carol Scheid-Kailing, Kimberly Chapman, Janet Clark, Bob Baldwin Paula S. Bouty, Richard Bouty, Richard Hurst, Pat Moore, Johanna Owens, Margaret Owens, Joan Pekrul, DeeAnn Ruitter, Jessica Ruitter, Gary Scrambling Sondra Taylor, Lisa M. Voelker, Lauren Voelker, Connie Wallace, Doris Wells Claire Taylor, Connie Wallace

Receiving Board - Joan Pekrul & Kimberly Chapman

And further authorize the clerk to appoint/change the appointed election inspectors and receiving board members if needed. Four inspectors will be used for this election.

Meeting adjourned

Janet Clark, Clerk

PORTA- TOILET – STONE HATCHERY PARK FOUR SEASON RENTAL

There was a discussion about renting the portable toilets.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by K. Cushway to contract with Four Season Rental for the portable toilets at the Stone Hatchery Park, beginning in May with one ADA and June or July two ADA at \$31.25 per week per unit service. \$125.00 per month per unit. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Stephan, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Cushway

CLEANUP DAY MAY 13, 2017

MOTION was made by N. Stephan and supported by J. Peek to stay with Republic Services for May 13,2017 cleanup day. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Cushway, Todd, MacFarlane, Baldwin, Clark, Peek, Stephan

FIRE CONTRACT SERVICE WITH BIG RAPIDS CITY

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to pay the invoice for the township fire protection when it comes in. **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES.** Stephan, Todd, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Cushway

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by J. Peek supported by G. Todd to approve payment of the following bills: **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES** Stephan, Peek, Clark, Baldwin, MacFarlane, Todd, Cushway,

GENERAL FUND 3/21/2017–3/31/2017 #12852- # 12859 \$ 2,241.93

GENERAL FUND 4/4/2017–4/4/2017 #12860- # 12880 \$ 13,327.63

SEWER FUND 4/4/2017- 4/4/2017 CK #3514 - # 3521 \$2,240.33

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 4/4/2017 – 8:50 P.M. meeting adjourned