

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, August 13, 2024**  
**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.**  
**PARIS, MI 49338**  
**6:00PM**  
**UNAPPROVED**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm ROLL CALL Cushway, Hoeh, Henderson, Rasmussen, Riebow, Thorne Kruse, present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT;** Brook B-Mecosta Conservation District Representative. Mecosta Conservation District has been collecting hazardous waste for 21 years and alternates between Chip Hills and Mecosta County Fairgrounds. People often dump hazardous waste in the soil or a ditch and this gives them somewhere to dispose of these materials. We have collected 40,000# of waste at a cost of \$43,000 just for disposal. None of this money goes towards staff or advertising. We use last years data for our requests and last year GCT contributed \$700. We are asking for \$1000 this year. Last year there were 16 households participating, which cost \$1648. Lori B- Wanted to say congratulations on the election. So proud of your win. Just got off the phone with John Moolenaar and we are having a press conference at my farm next Wednesday at noon.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Hope Network Letter-The community-based services at the Paris Center will cease after August 25<sup>th</sup>. Green Charter Township will be requesting sealed bids for cleaning services of the hall. Wade Trim Agreement Letter-A proposal to complete design proposal, permitting and bidding services

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Mecosta Conservation District Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. A motion was made by Hoeh to contribute \$1500 to the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. Supported by Henderson. Motion passed with 6 yays and 1 nay (Cushway) on a roll call vote. Wade Trim Proposal-A motion was made by Thorne to approve a proposal from Wade Trim regarding the lift station. Supported by Hoeh. Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote. Resolution 2024-25-Resolution Authorizing Designee To Receive Taxes. This would allow the Green Charter Township Board of Trustees to appoint Supervisor Kruse as the designee to receive taxes on behalf of the Township Treasurer. A motion was made by Cushway to approve Resolution 2024-25. Supported by Thorne. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Previous Minutes **Item A**
2. July Treasurer's Report **Item B**
3. Sewer Department Report
4. Legislative report: Randy Vetter, County Commissioner meeting tomorrow as a whole to finalize disbursements the marijuana tax money grants. People should know within a week. We

had about \$3.1 Million in requests. These will be a yearly disbursement from permit fees and taxes so the dollar amount will vary from year to year.

5. Planning and Zoning Report for June **Item C**

6. Sheriff's Report **Item D**

A motion was made by Cushway to approve the consent agenda. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Credit Card System Update: Cancelling Point and Pay after several issues with start-up. BS&A has a free card reader service and that should be up and running within the next week or so. This will give residents the opportunity to pay their taxes and utility bills online through a link on our website.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Foundation Rate for Cemetery. Our foundation installer has requested an increase as he has done this work for 25 years, starting at \$0.25/sq inch and in that time has only raised his rate by \$0.10, making the current rate \$0.35/sq inch. This barely covers his material costs. After researching other's rates, the average is around \$0.65/sq inch. A motion was made by Rassmussen to increase the foundation rate to \$0.65/sq inch. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote. (Upon speaking with him after the meeting, it was decided that his new foundation rate will be \$0.50/sq inch. \$0.15 less than what was approved by the board.)
2. Thank You Ceremony for Girl Scouts. Recently Girl Scout Troop 8867 used their cookie money to donate a community lending library near the pavilion and playground at the township hall. Several board members would like to show their appreciation with a short ceremony and celebration with. This will occur at the pavilion on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4pm.
3. Board of Review. Our previous members have retired and we are currently seeking new members for our Board of Review. Please contact Supervisor Kruse at [supervisor@greentownship.org](mailto:supervisor@greentownship.org) or the Clerk at [clerk@greentownship.org](mailto:clerk@greentownship.org) for more information.
4. Printer/Scanner for Assessor. The Assessor has requested a printer scanner combo for his office. A motion was made by Hoeh to purchase a printer/scanner for up to \$200. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. Adobe Acrobat Pro for Assessor. The Assessor has requested an upgrade from Adobe Acrobat to Adobe Acrobat Pro to give them the ability to edit PDF documents. A motion was made by Rassmussen to purchase Adobe Acrobat Pro for \$239.88/year. Supported by Hoeh. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL:** A motion was made by Cushway to approve checks 16498-16548 from GF and checks 4465-4470 from SF. Supported by Thorne. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Theresa V.-Listening to the talk of the \$189 for the printer, the cost comes with the ink. Jarvo has very inexpensive ink. Check ink prices before purchasing a printer. Nancy N. Looking for a status update on ISI. Saw a picture of a lewd gesture on a security camera from

someone associated with ISI. Wondering when they will be out of the building. Supervisor gave an update that a Motion To Quit had been issued and had to wait 30 days after that. There has been no conversation with ISI. Their contract is up in February 2025 and it will not be renewed. Steve O. A couple months ago, Kelly Cushway had mentioned an admin fee for paying taxes. Would the board consider removing that fee? Ross M.- Had an opportunity to go to an Open Houe at the Stone Hatchery and was embarrassed at the condition of the picnic tables. With permission, took one home and washed and repaired it. They need something to preserve them and I have taken care of 2 already. Also wants community input on cleaning headstones at cemeteries. The clerk suggested speaking with a monument company to get their advice on the proper way to clean headstones. Terry P.- Concerning 19 Mile Road, any development that comes in, would that be connected to the lift station? If the lift station is redone, would the system be able to handle that? Kimberly H.- Is on a cemetery board in Mecosta County, we contacted Arlington Cemetery about cleaning headstones. The issue is that some headstones are so old and should be carefully cleaned. Recommended D2 or Wet and Forget. Linda S.-Who gets bids for cleaning? With the old board asked about 23 Mile Rd. 1<sup>st</sup> mile is fine but 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> are in bad shape. Holes keep getting filled and asphalt comes out. Wants guidance on what to do to have it repaired. Was advised to continue to contact the road commission. Go to their meetings and lay out your case. Karen L.-Went to a round table discussion with John Moolenaar about Gotion and China connections. Anyone that wants more info or to watch the discussion can go to his website. 2 congressmen where here with national information. Lori B.-wants to say once again that there are a lot of negative comments from Pro Gotion people about the board and I see people here all the time working and doing their jobs. Thank you for your transparency.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Cushway at 7:57pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

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Mecosta County