

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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, Henderson, Rasmussen, Riebow, Thorne, Kruse present. Hoeh absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wendi M.-wanted to give a courtesy to the board that there has been a petition circulating to referendum the planning commission.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Riebow-A Girl Scout troop is working on making a “house” for an outdoor public/sharing library and that should be finished some time in the end of May or early June. Will update the board further at a later date.

Cushway-Would like to revisit the lighting proposal from Consumers. This energy saving proposal will switch all lights to LED and with a total estimated cost of \$4396 but will only cost the township \$1910.04. A motion was made by Cushway to approve this proposal. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Cushway to approve the previous meeting minutes. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Treasurer Report for March given by Henderson.
3. Sewer Department Report given by Kruse.
4. Legislative Report by Randy Vetter. The County Commissioners will meet on May 14th for a study session to discuss the marijuana tax rebate. There will be a form for projects and wish lists may be submitted to the county. The requests will be reviewed in June. There was an early request by the Sheriff for new radios. Match funding will be considered in these requests. Money will be awarded in July for approved requests.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Assessor. Supervisor will continue to search out options and continue the vetting process for a new assessor.
2. MTA training. Cushway, Thorne and Kruse will be attending. Deputy Clerk Walsh will attend the one day training on Monday April 22.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Budget Amendments. Supervisor gave an update. Waiting to hear back from accountants and will continue to revisit line items.
2. Hire admin for lift station. Supervisor contacted Wade Trim as Troy McDonald has resigned. Wade Trim will contract a company to inspect the lift station and will also cover emergencies. Will be approximately \$550 per month for 2 people to inspect the lift station and this price is comparable to Troy's cost.
3. Open sealed bids for lawn care, porta potties for Stone Hatchery Park and dumpster rentals for clean up day. A motion was made by Cushway to approve Simple Green Mowing for lawn care for all township properties during the 2024 season, April 10-October. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote. A motion was made by Cushway to approve Johnson Septic to supply 2 regular porta potties and 1 handicap accessible porta potty from May 14 to October 14, 2024 at Stone Hatchery Park. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote. A motion was made by Cushway to approve Four Seasons Sanitation to provide 6, 30 yard dumpsters for Spring Clean Up Day. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL: Approved monthly checks 16334-16370 from General Fund & 4445-4453 from Sewer Fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Steve L.- Wants to clarify a comment he made about an eagle's nest. He did trespass to take pictures and was approached by the sheriff. Fisheries and wildlife need to come analyze the nest. Wants to request that the board has fisheries and wildlife visit the site and analyze the nest. Joe P.-The planning commission was voted down previously and why does the new board want to do the same thing? Wants to know the qualifications to be on the planning commission and wants to know costs that will be accrued. Rose S.-wants a vote on Gotion.

Chuck T.-Wants to clarify misinformation and dispel rumors about 2,000 acres. Never tried to buy 2,000 acres, never tried to buy a horse farm, never gave people 4 hours to respond about selling their property. Eagle's nest was actually a raccoon nest and there are no raptors on the property. Has collaborated with MRWA and EGLE. Gave SDS sheets from Power Sonic on Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFePO4) Rechargeable Batteries to Supervisor. Brought a sample of a substance and proceeded to eat it to try and prove how non-toxic it is.

Brandi S.-Look up cathode manufacturing. It is not non-toxic and there will be hazardous waste and pollution from Gotion. Gotion is giving the bare minimum on SDSs. Compare with other similar manufacturing companies. When will he be held responsible? There are hazards with Gotion. Even just the pavement itself on the watershed is a risk. Karen L.-Gets to watch eagles on a daily basis and has lived in several other locations where there were lots of eagles living close by. That was not a raccoon nest in that tree. And even if it were, they are just as important as other animals anyway. Wanted to point out the GoFundMe listed on the township website to make sure people are aware. John H.-A question was asked about the cost of the Planning Commission. What about the cost of not having one? We care about our community and we deserve to have a say in our township. Tired of people in Lansing telling us what to do. Ormand

H.- Wants to remind everyone that the previous board voted a 1st draft of the Development Agreement and authorized the previous supervisor to work with Gotion on it. He and the president of Gotion signed it but it was never brought back to the board for approval. Jessica S.-7 generations of her family have been here. Spoke with a native scientist and wonders what the 100 year plan for clean up will be and who will fund it. A flood plan from FSU from 1975 shows poor results if the land Gotion purchased was developed and recommends against paving over large portions of the watershed. Wants to continue to do events and beautify the community.

Larry F.-There is a lot of emotion here because people care and are trying to better the community. I asked Chuck Thelen a question a year ago and it was never answered. You said if the community didn't want Gotion here that they would leave. Chuck left the building without answering. The community replaced the board and stood up for the township. Not everyone will get along. I see the Planning Commission as the best opportunity for people to have a say. Chuck, you got your answer. Why aren't you packing your bags?

Nancy N.-We have been told Gotion has no connection to the CCP. The CCP will make you denounce your religion and torture you. Forced labor camps and forced organ harvesting have been documented and they are now taking children's organs. Doesn't think that working with China will make our lives better.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Cushway and supported by Thorne. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Prepared by

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