

Unapproved

REGULAR JUNE 14, 2022, MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P. M.

THE MEETING WAS ALSO CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY FOR THE PUBLIC TO VIEW.

THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.

JAMES CHAPMAN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
ROGER CARROLL	TRUSTEE
DALE JERNSTADT	TRUSTEE
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the May 10, 2022 regular board meeting.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2022 board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report:

6-9-2022 General fund balance \$572,927.15

6-9-2022 Sewer fund balance \$443,627.86

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**

BANK ACCOUNT OPENING AND CD DEPOSIT - SEWER

The Treasurer reported a 2nd CD has been closed and deposited in new checking account for Sewer System replacement account.

SEWER REPORT

Troy McDonald presented the sewer report

4-29-2022 – 6-3-2022 359 days

Reading Total flow 252104330, Total flow 1,054,100 Average daily flow 3,0117

KW 406, KW Y.T.D. 2478

Troy reported continuing work on locating and work on the manhole risers and air relief valves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County commissioner Marilyn Bradstrom was present and reported the County Commission doing well and a clean audit has been completed.

County Commission undecided on ARPPA projects.

Mecosta Co. Sheriff dept. will be receiving a new boat, delivery time not sure.

Randy Vetter was present introducing himself as a candidate for County Commission District #1

Resident J. Dawson was present and addressed the board regarding gypsy moth infestations and creating a pickle ball court in Green Township. There was a discussion.

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OLD BUSINESS**PARKING LOT TOWNSHIP HALL AND BASKET BALL COURT BIDS**

Four bids have been received. The board reviewed the bids.

There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the Green Twp. Hall parking lot resealing and the basketball court in Charlie Brown Park with Alpha Asphalt Maintenance and Concrete, for the amount total of \$8,801.00.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

INTERNET TOWER ERECTION

The supervisor reported contractor Youngs Consulting submitted the cost for the assembly and erection of the two internet towers, at Derby tower and Owens tower sites. For the total price of \$24,000.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the erection of the two internet towers, at Derby tower and Owens tower sites. For the total price of \$24,000.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

SHEDS – TOWER SITES

Trustee R. Carroll presented to the board estimates for 2 sheds at the tower sites.

There was a lengthy discussion.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by D. Jernstadt to approve the purchase of two sheds for the tower sites for \$2,500.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

SIGN AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL

A proposal for a new sign at the township hall has been received from Grand River Signs.

There was a discussion concerning the need of an improved sign in front of the township hall along Northland Dr.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the purchase of a new sign in front of the township hall from Grand River Signs for the amount of \$5,218.00 includes delivery and installation.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

NEW BUSINESS**MILEAGE RATE**

Information has been received regarding the Internal Revenue Service modifying Notice 2022 the revised standard mileage rate: business 62.5 cents per mile.

MOTION was made by J. Peek for G. Todd to approve the mileage to 62.5 effective July 1, 2022.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

CEMETERY MILEAGE

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by J. Peek to include mileage in the cemetery burial rates at 62.5 per mile.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

TOILET - REPLACEMENT- TOWNSHIP HALL

There was a discussion on the need to replace three toilets in the township hall, estimated cost per toilet \$106.79.

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MOTION was made by J. Clark and supported by G. Todd to replace the three toilets in the restrooms of the township hall \$325.00 plus installation.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

2022 POVERTY EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test (*Updated June 2022*)

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who, in the judgment of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under the General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, the township board is required by Section 7u of the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893 (MCL 211.7u), to adopt guidelines for poverty exemptions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to MCL 211.7u, that Green Charter Township, Mecosta County, adopts the following guidelines for the supervisor and board of returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year. Asset level for 2022 includes the amount of cash, fixed assets or other property that could be used, or converted to cash for use in the payment of property taxes. The asset test should calculate a maximum amount permitted and all other assets above that amount should be considered as available.

The Asset Level does not include the primary residence for which exemption is being sought. However, it does include, but is not limited to: - A second home, additional land not associated with the primary residence, or other buildings other than the primary residence being sought for exemption. - Vehicles and other recreational vehicles such as motor homes, campers, ATVs, boats, and motorcycles. - Net receipts from farm self-employment. (The same provisions as above for self-employment.) - Regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment, worker's compensation, veteran's payments and public assistance. - Alimony, child support, and military family allotments. - Private pensions, governmental pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments. - College or university scholarships, grants, **fellowship**, and assistantships. - Dividends, interest, net rental income, net royalties, periodic receipts from estates or trusts, and net gambling or lottery winnings. - Jewelry, antiques, artwork, equipment, and other personal property of value. - Food or housing received in lieu of wages and the value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms. - Withdrawals of bank accounts and borrowed money. - Gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances, and one-time insurance payments. Federal non-cash benefits programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, food stamps, and school lunches.

"...The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the homestead..." THE ASSET LEVELS SHALL INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF CASH, FIXED ASSETS OR OTHER PROPERTY THAT COULD BE USED, OR CONVERTED TO CASH FOR USE IN THE PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES. THE ASSET TEST SHALL BE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT PERMITTED AND ALL OTHER ASSETS ABOVE THAT AMOUNT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS AVAILABLE. THE ASSET LEVEL FOR 2022 SHALL NOT EXCEED \$ 16,000

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a homestead the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor or board of review, accompanied by federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the homestead, including any property tax credit returns filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) Produce a valid drivers' license or other form of identification if requested.
- 4) Produce a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested if requested.

5) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Office of Management and Budget

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2022 Level

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$12,880
2	\$17,420
3	\$21,960
4	\$26,500
5	\$31,040
6	\$35,580
7	\$40,120
8	\$44,660
For each additional person	\$4,540

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the board of review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Denise MacFarlane and supported by Board Member James Peek.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye 7 Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

0 "Nay:"

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted. _____

Clerk

I, **Janet Clark**, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Green Charter Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the township board of said township at the regular meeting of said board held on **June 14, 2022**, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Clerk

PARIS CREEK PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

The supervisor reported June 1, 2022 a virtual hearing was held on the Paris Creek property. Fee interest in the Subject Property is hereby quieted in favor of the Charter Township of Green, and Defendants Sally Griffith and the American Bible Society are hereby determined to have no right, title or interest of any kind in the Subject Property. This Judgement resolves all pending claims and closes the case.

In addition, the township attorney reported that MDOT did not purchase an easement, the purpose was to straighten the 1929 creek bed. No claim of MDOT.

DONATION – BRIDGE OVER PARIS CREEK

Paris Trailblazers Snowmobile club presented a \$5,000 donation to Green Charter Township for the bridge over Paris Creek leading from the township hall property to the Stone Hatchery Park property. The township appreciates the donation and will send a thank you to Paris Trailblazers Snowmobile club.

CLEANUP DAY FUEL COSTS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by R. Carroll to approve allocation of \$100.00 to M&M Lawn care (2) and Jernstadt Farm (1) for each frontend loader they supplied for this year's cleanup day. Total amount \$300.00

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MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

FYI

Insurance coverage review has been received from BHS Insurance and reviewed by board members.

Sewer commission members have been added, Paul Quick and Terry Langworthy.

The State Bureau of Election has a grant for \$1,500. for election equipment. It has been determined that new Electronic Poll books are needed after the issues that we had during the May election. The township will be applying for this grant.

Tower pads are installed.

19 Mile Road culvert per MDOT is expected to be completed the middle of July.

205th, 18 Mile and 230th are to be done this week.

Crapo Cemetery drive is scheduled to be repaired this summer after subcontract work is completed.

Community yard sale is being organized by a township resident.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Thank you from the election chair person for ordering new EPB computers.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fund.

MOTION CARRIED 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

6/14/2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS							
ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	AMENDED BUDGET BALANCE	
GENERAL FUND							
#1 101-265-724	INTERNET SERVICES	\$ 5,028.61	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 1,971.39	
FROM 101-101-960	EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 683.74	\$ 4,100.00	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 416.26	
SEWER FUND							
#1 590-000-704	SALARY NON ADMIN. HOURLY	\$ 786.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 64.00	
FROM 590-000-726	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 194.35	\$ 850.00	\$ (150.00)	\$ 700.00	\$ 505.65	

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND

5/12/2022 - 6/14/2022 CK# 15360- #15403 - \$34,852.39

SEWER FUND

5/23/2022– 6/14/2022 CK #4217- #4232 - \$14,414.94

MOTION CARRIED 7 YES Jernstadt, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 6/14/2022 –8:30 P.M. meeting adjourned

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