

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING WEDENDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024
GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.
PARIS, MI 49338
5:00PM
APPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00PM ROLL CALL Cushway, Henderson, Rasmussen, Riebow, Thorne, Kruse, present.
Hoeh absent.

This special meeting was called by Supervisor Kruse to address the following:

1. Approve Amendments 2024-2024 Budget. Budget will be finalized at the next regular meeting.
2. Second Reading of Planning Commission Ordinance. A motion was made by Thorne to adopt the ordinance to establish the Township Planning Commission. Supported by Henderson. Motion was adopted on a roll call vote.
3. Release ISI for Green Township Hall Internet and IT Service. A motion was made by Cushway to release ISI of Internet and IT services for the township hall. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed with a roll call vote, 5 yays (Cushway, Henderson, Riebow, Thorne, Kruse) and 1 nay (Rasmussen).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joan Pekrul-Has been a GCT resident since 1976 and would like to know why the planning commission was voted down in November but now the board is bringing it back. She thought that was the end of it. Linda Peek-GCT resident for 54 years. Tries to save everything from the local paper concerning anything that would be good for the community. Spoke about the grant money for the Stone Hatchery Park for parking, lights and permanent restrooms. Used frequently for special events and farmer's market. Also lived across the street from Charlie Brown Park and the Boy Scouts have done a lot of work at this park. Wants to hear more about this in the future. Rod Magnuson-Thanked the board for doing its job. Roger Veda- 20 year resident. Wants to know about the lift station and would like an update. Tonya Wright-Wants to speak on the behalf of her sister while she is in the hospital. Wants to know how Gotion can have a legitimate plan and why loggers etc want to jeopardize their reputation. Tonya has been told that a site plan will be released in March and that the JC Penney building is a lease and not a purchase. Chuck Thelen- Had an event on Saturday for a lease agreement for 55 employees at a temporary location until the main building is built. Did a review of the site and removed some trees so that trucks can fit. CEO asked for cutting to be stopped so people do not need to look at trucks. "Mother Nature has given us these trees and we are not going to destroy them. ". Phase 1-cut trees. Phase 2-clearing until ready to build. Originally intended to clear cut but have been instructed to slow down. Received 4 phone calls from local contractors for work. Brandi Sweet-Concerned with these updates and wants to make the board aware. Concerned about parking for the JC Penney building. The tree cutting

was premature and a site plan still needs to go through EGLE. They should wait for permits if they really appreciate nature. A Crain's article stated that Gotion has been sharing information with the Muskegon River Watershed. MRWS will put out a written statement on this. The prior board would not let them present during a meeting, but they would like to be on the agenda at a future meeting. Someone needs to demand more. Deb Magnuson-Wants to remind people that we have been lied to and bullied about Gotion. The majority do not want Gotion here. John Holdsworth- At the last meeting there was a FOIA appeal and they didn't show up. Wants the FOIA policy updated. We know Gotion is a Chinese company and right now Chinese fishing vessels are pumping cyanide into the ocean. Concerned about the Muskegon River and Chinese plants over watersheds. Eric Battle-Has a question about the planning commission. Didn't see anything about appeals. What are we zoning against or for? Mort Meier-wants to make a suggestion to invest in speakers and microphones for meetings. Has a hard time hearing in the back of the room. Janice Bittenbender-Has lived here for 20 years and was a public servant to Big Rapids. Enjoys the people and environment here. Did Chuck contribute to the community before all of this? Heard a rumor about the battery factory and couldn't believe it. Thought about moving but loves this community. Wants to know if Gotion is a go or not because she needs to decided whether or not to move. Jane Pedelty-would like to support M&M as a local company. Knows there are people who want to save money. Family has been talking about blight from some people in the township and wants to know if the township has a policy on blight.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made at 5:50pm by Thorne. Supported by Riebow.

Prepared by



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Green Charter Township Clerk