

**Unapproved**

REGULAR DECEMBER 14, 2021, 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 - absent
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE

**MINUTES**

The clerk presented the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular board meeting.

**MOTION** was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2021 regular board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent**

**TREASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report:

12-9-2021 General fund balance \$543,422.65

12-9-2021 Sewer fund balance \$479,893.50

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to accept the treasurer's reports as presented in all funds. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES 1 absent**

**SEWER REPORT**

Troy McDonald presented the sewer report

10/31/2021 – 12/02/2021 32 days

Reading 246376060 Total flow 879080, Average daily flow 27471

KW 478, KW Y.T.D. 4398

All good.

Troy met with Fleis&VandenBrink several hours locating the air relief valves of Green Township's force main sewer lines on Sheridan and Pere Marquette streets.

The engineer Scott Hall from Fleis&VandenBrink indicted these 13 air relief valves

7 are clean-outs, 5 or 6 are air valves, 1 may have been paved over.

The township will ask these be included in the lift station replacement upgrade.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

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**NEW BUSINESS****SEWER USER CHARGE 2022**

The board has received the Wastewater User Charge System 2022 for review and approval. Big Rapids City Treasurer Aaron Kuhn was present to answer any questions the board might have. Mr. Kuhn reported the O&M has been higher this past year because of equipment failures and replacement costs. There was a discussion.

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by G. Todd to approve the **Wastewater User Charge System 2022**

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

**OLD BUSINESS****NOISE ORDINANCE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING AND APPROVAL**

At a regular meeting of the Township of Charter Township of Green of Mecosta, Michigan, held at the Green Charter Township Hall, 21431 Northland Drive, Paris, Michigan on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021 at 7 p.m. Local Time.

PRESENT: MEMBER: James Peek, Janet Clark, James Chapman, Denise MacFarlane, Gary Todd, Roger Carroll

ABSENT: MEMBERS: Dale Jernstadt

**The following ordinance was offered by Member Gary Todd and seconded by Member James Peek.**

**ORDINANCE NO. 01-021-12  
GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP NOISE ORDINANCE  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GREEN ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. General Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful for a person to make, cause, assist in making, permit another to make or to continue to make any loud or unreasonable noise, music, percussion, or other sounds which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of a reasonable person within the Township.

**Section 2. Time Frame.** The general prohibitions in Section 1 shall apply especially during the time period(s) of 10:00 pm until 7:00 am of the following morning, beginning on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday or during the period of 12:02 am until 7:00 am on any Friday or Saturday.

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**Section 3. Volume and Distance.** During the time periods provided in Section 2, a loud and unreasonable noise is one which is either:

1. Clearly discernible at a distance of 100 feet from the property line of the property, or from the vehicle, from which the sound is emanating, or
2. Which is in excess of 60 decibels as measured from the property line or from immediately outside the vehicle where the noise is emanating, as such sound would be measured on a sound measuring instrument which meets American National Institute Standard SI.4-1971 (or a more recent revision thereof) for Type 1 or Type 2 sound level meters, or an instrument and the associated recording and analyzing equipment which provide equivalent data. A sound level meter shall not be required for the enforcement of this Section if an enforcement officer has been trained to audibly recognize when sound levels are clearly in excess of the 60-decibel limit.

**Section 4. Noises Prohibited.** In addition to the general prohibition in Section 1 of this Ordinance, the following noises and disturbances are hereby declared to be a violation of this Ordinance; provided, however, that the specification of the same is not thereby to be constructed to exclude other violations of this Ordinance not specifically enumerated:

1. *Horns or signal devices.* The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, or other vehicle while not in motion except as a danger signal when the creation by means of any such signal device of any unreasonable loud or hard sound, and the sounding of such device for an unnecessary and unreasonable period of time.
2. *Radio and Musical Sources.* The playing of any radio, television, or any other musical source in such a manner or with such volume particularly during the hours listed above (Section "2") or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any offices, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity.
3. *Shouting and Whistling.* Yelling, shouting, hooting, whistling, singing or the making of any other loud noise on the public streets, during the hours listed above (Section "2") or at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any offices, or in any dwelling, hotel, or other type of residence, or of any persons in the vicinity.

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4. *Whistle or Siren.* The blowing of any whistle or siren, except as a warning of fire or danger.
5. *Vehicle noises.* The operation of an automobile, motorcycle, watercraft, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, off road vehicle, remote controlled hobby airplane, or other vehicle so out of repair or so loaded or constructed as to cause loud and unnecessary grating, grinding, rattling, or other unreasonable noise (including the noise resulting from exhaust), which is clearly audible from nearby properties and which unreasonably upsets or disturbs the quiet, comfort or repose of other persons. The modification of any noise abatement device on any motor vehicle or engine, or the failure to maintain same so that the noise emitted by such vehicle or engine is increased above that emitted by such vehicle as originally manufactured shall be in violation of this section.
6. *Construction noises.* The erection, excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or premises in any part of the Township, and including the streets and highways, in such a manner as to emanate Loud Noise during hours listed above (Section "2"), except in cases of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety. In such cases of necessity, a permit shall be obtained from the building inspector or ordinance enforcement officer of the Township, which permit shall limit the periods that the activity may continue.
7. *Animal noises.* The keeping of any animal or bird which emanates frequent or extended noise which shall unreasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity; such as allowing or permitting any dog to bark repeatedly in an area where such barking can be clearly heard from nearby residential property.
8. *Noises interrupting public/religious/educational activities.* The emission or creation of any Loud Noise which unreasonably interferes with the operation of any school, church, court or hospital.
9. Noises emitted from the ignition of fireworks, pyrotechnics, or other explosives.

**Section 5. Exceptions.** None of the prohibitions contained in this ordinance shall apply to the following:

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1. Bells, chimes, carillons, loudspeakers, and similar devices while being used for religious purposes, or in conjunction with religious services;
2. Police vehicles, fire vehicles, or ambulances while engaged upon necessary public emergency business;
3. Necessary excavations or repairs of bridges, streets, or highways by or on behalf of the Township, County, or State during the night, when the public safety welfare, and convenience renders it impossible to perform such work during the day;
4. The reasonable use of stationary amplifiers or loudspeakers during public addresses which are noncommercial in character;
5. Businesses conducting normal business practices during normal daytime business hours;
6. Otherwise legally possessed fireworks during the time period(s) designated within the Fireworks Safety Act of 2011 (Public Act 256) was amended in December 2018, that being:
  - (a) December 31 until 1:00 a.m. on January 1
  - (b) The Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day, until 11:45 p.m.
  - (c) June 29 to July 4, until 11:45 p.m.
  - (d) July 5, if it falls on a Friday or Saturday, until 11:45 p.m.
  - (e) The Saturday and Sunday before Labor Day, until 11:45 p.m.

**Section 6. Violations Enforcement and Penalties** Any person violating this chapter shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction for which the fine shall be \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$200 nor more than \$700 for subsequent offenses in the discretion of the court, and in addition to all of the costs, damages and expenses, including actual attorney fees incurred by the Township by reason of the violation, as provided by law. The imposition or payment of any municipal civil infraction penalty shall not prevent the Township from seeking injunctive relief or other available relief against a violator for any subsequent offense. For purposes of this Ordinance, "subsequent offense" means a violation committed by the same person or on the same property within one year of a

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### **TOWER PROJECT CONTRIBUTIONS**

The supervisor presented a report containing the estimated costs of internet tower projects funding with the ARPA money. There was a discussion on the township costs for material, shipping costs, surveying maps and the ISI investment costs.

### **TOWER LEASE AGREEMENT**

The Tower Lease Agreement Owens property was presented.

There was a discussion:

Twenty-five-year lease, Survey completed, and document has been reviewed by the township attorney.

Resolution was made by James Peek and supported by Roger Carroll to approve the "Tower Lease Agreement" between Green Charter Township, a Michigan Charter Township, of 21431 Northland Dr., Paris, Michigan 49338 ("Lessee"). and Paul L. Owens of 17450 Beech Rd, Hersey, Michigan 49639-9612 ("Lessor") Approved December 14, 2021.

A complete copy of the adopted lease agreement is available at the Green Charter Township office and the Lease Agreement shall be recorded with the Mecosta County Register of Deeds.

Tower Lease Agreement approved with roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, M. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1 – D. Jernstadt

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and D. MacFarlane to approve the following meeting dates.

**2022-2023 BUDGET WORK SESSION TUESDAY JANUARY 4, 2022 9:30 A.M.**

**2022-2023 BUDGET HEARING TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2022 6:30 P.M.**

### **2022-2023 BOARD MEETING DATES SCHEDULE**

Monthly meeting dates schedule of regular monthly board meetings Second Tuesday of each month 7:00 P.M. for 2022-2023 budget year.

April 12, 2022, May 10, 2022, June 14, 2022, July 12, 2022, August 9, 2022, September 13, 2022, October 11, 2022, November 15, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday), December 13, 2022, January 10, 2023, February 14, 2023, March 14, 2023

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

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## **Green Charter Townships Assessing Policy**

**WHEREAS MCL 211.10G** states; (c) Subject to state tax commission guidelines, have and follow a published policy under which its assessor's office is reasonably accessible to taxpayers. A policy under this subdivision must include, at a minimum, the items in subparagraphs (i) to (iv) and should include the item in subparagraph (v) as follows:

(i) A designation, by name, telephone number, and electronic mail address, of at least 1 official or employee in the assessor's office to whom taxpayer inquiries may be submitted directly by telephone or electronic mail.

(ii) An estimated response time for taxpayer inquiries submitted under subparagraph (i), not to exceed 7 business days.

(iii) Information about how a taxpayer may arrange a meeting with an official or employee of the assessor's office for purposes of discussing an inquiry in person.

(iv) Information about how requests for inspection or production of records maintained by the assessor's office should be made by a taxpayer and how those requests will be handled by the assessor's office.

**THEREFORE**, Green Charter Township establishes the following policy:

### **Green Charter Townships Assessing Policy**

The Assessor Seth M. Lattimore MAAO, or a certified assessing assistant will make the township Assessing office accessible to taxpayers every Monday morning (not including federal holiday) from 9 AM to Noon. The assessor is available by cell phone on all standard business days at (231)250-3019 and office phone (231)796-6201. The assessor will also make special arrangements for meetings as needed with taxpayers.

Assessing Record Cards are available by in person pick up or by email request to [assessor@greentownship.org](mailto:assessor@greentownship.org) or [seth.precisetax@gmail.com](mailto:seth.precisetax@gmail.com). Property Record Cards are available 24/7 on BSA.com services website. Requests for information is expected to be within two days and no later than 7 business days.

Land Value and Economic Condition Factor studies will remain available on the Green Township Website, updated yearly prior to March Board of Review. Commonly used forms such as Poverty and Disabled Veteran Exemption applications, Principal Residence exemption forms, land division/combination request forms and Board of Review information are also maintained on the township website. Questions and explanations are provided weekly during the assessor stated times. The foregoing resolution offered by

**Board Member D. MacFarlane and supported by Board Member J. Peek**

Upon roll call vote, the following voted 6 "aye" : J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

**Naye: 0**

**The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.**

**Janet Clark, Green Charter Township Clerk**

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, Janet Clark, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Green Charter Township, hereby clarify the forgoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said Board held on December 14, 2021, 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.

**GRAVEL ROAD BRINING**

Information has been received from Mecosta County Road Commission regarding the gravel road brining for Green Township. There was a discussion. New outside contractor being used. **MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to approve two brining of gravel roads. **MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt  
1<sup>st</sup> near Memorial Day and 2<sup>nd</sup> near July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MUSKEGON RIVER WATERSHED ASSEMBLY REQUEST**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to contribute \$100.00 to the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA).  
**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

**FYI**

Pest control change.  
Dollar General approved for liquor license  
Holiday Inn event area being removed

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Noise ordinance - question regarding complaints  
Brining smell problem last year

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**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the following budget amendments in the General Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

							AMENDED BUDGET
			ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	BALANCE
	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION					AMENDED
	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>						
#1	101-171-726	SUPERVISOR OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 478.40	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 271.60
	FROM						
	101-191-703	ELECTION TRAINING WAGES	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (500.00)	\$ -	\$ -
#2	101-265-724	INTERNET SERVICES TWP. HALL	\$ 11,341.16	\$ 10,643.81	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 12,143.81	\$ 802.65
	FROM						
	101-265-930	REPAIR & MAINT TWP. HALL	\$ 2,566.50	\$ 7,000.00	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 2,933.50
						\$ -	\$ -
#3	101-751-818	CONTRACTUAL SERVICES REC. & PARKS	\$ 11,403.74	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 96.26
	FROM					\$ -	\$ -
	101-751-972	LARGE ASSETS REC. & PARKS	\$ 2,254.50	\$ 15,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 10,245.50

**MOTION** was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to approve the following budget amendments in the Sewer Fund.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

							AMENDED BUDGET
			ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	BALANCE
	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION					AMENDED
	<b>SEWER FUND</b>						
#4	590-973-819	ENGINEER FEES LSR	\$ 7,935.00	\$ -	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 44,965.00
	FROM					\$ -	\$ -
	590-000-695	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 52,900.00
						\$ -	\$ -
#4	590-000-726	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 738.56	\$ 650.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 111.44
	FROM					\$ -	\$ -
	590-000-820	COMPUTER SUPPORT SOFTWARE	0	500	\$ (200.00)	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**GENERAL FUND**

11/11/2021- 12/14/2021 ck # 15030- #15158 - \$22,183.17

**SEWER FUND**

12/06/2021- 12/14/2021 CK #4127- #4136 - \$10,911.36

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, D. Todd, R. Carroll, 1 absent D. Jernstadt

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 12/14/2021 – 8:00 P.M. meeting adjourned

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