

REGULAR SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 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
NANCY STEPHAN	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE - absent
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
KELLY CUSHWAY	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the 8-11-2020 regular board meeting.

MOTION was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by J. Peek to accept the minutes of the 8-11-2020 regular board meeting 6 yes, Stephan, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd-absent, Cushway

MOTION CARRIED. 6 yes 1 absent

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report:

9-3-2020 General fund balance \$482,042.81

9-3-2020 Sewer fund balance \$479,900.61

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

SEWER REPORT

None received

ASSESSOR REPORT

None received

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County commissioner was present and reported they had their first in person meeting at the County Services building.

Candidate for Mecosta Co. Sheriff, Brian Miller was present to emphasize his presence in community.

OLD BUSINESS

BUDGET CONSTRAINTS C.P.I.

Information from the treasurer. The cuts in State Revenue sharing was 20% and not the 50% which was previously predicted by the State. Signifying that some of the projects recorded on the list of projects at the March 12, 2020 meeting may get done.

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There was a lengthy discussion. Of the options the Board emphasized Driveway work for West Cemetery, new phones for the township hall, and new windows for the township hall. The supervisor will get cost estimates.

ROAD MILLAGE RESOLUTION

A draft resolution prepared by the township attorney was introduced to the board: “Resolution to approve a ballot proposal for new additional millage for maintenance and improvements to roads within the township”

There was a lengthy discussion.

- Place on the May 2021 ballot
- Schedule special informational meetings
- Information flyer with fact sheets
- February 9, 2021 proposal language due to Mecosta County Clerk’s office
- Send out information post cards to property owners

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRONIC ELECTION EQUIPMENT LEASE

Because of the increased volume in absent voter ballots requested, the township has signed a lease for a second tabulator which will be used by the AV counting board. There was a discussion.

This should alleviate election workers from having to work many hours into the morning for this November election.

ROADS

Resolution to Review Traffic Flow and Safety:

Green Charter Township

WHEREAS: The intersection of 180th Avenue and 23 Mile Road are within Green Charter Township.

WHEREAS: Anticipated changes in traffic patterns will probably increase traffic volume at said intersection.

WHEREAS: The intersection has a history of severe traffic crashes.

THEREFORE: Green Charter Township requests that the Mecosta County Road Commission consider undertaking the following actions.

As soon as it would fit into the Road Commission’s schedule, they install guardrail along the east side of 180th Avenue at the intersection to protect vehicles from going into the adjoining gully.

During the summer of 2021, the Road Commission review the traffic flow patterns at the intersection with a consideration towards adjusting the right-of-way signage as needed.

The foregoing resolution offered by board member J. Peek

Supported by board member D. MacFarlane.

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted: Aye 6 -Stephan, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Cushway- No 0, - Absent 1 Todd

The supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

_____ Janet Clark, Clerk

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BIDS FOR SNOW REMOVAL

REQUEST FOR BIDS OF SNOW PLOWING AND/OR SALTING

September 11, 2020

Green Charter Township is seeking bids for snow removal and/or salting at their Township Hall located at 21431 Northland Drive Paris, Mi. The contract will begin immediately upon signing and run until April 30, 2021.

Green Township is seeking a single 'all occurrences' charge to cover the contracted services provided during the time period.

At the direction of the Trustees, services will be provided under the following decision matrix:

- 1) **All maintenance should be completed by 7:00 am the morning of any night's weather occurrence.**
- 2) **Snow plowing shall be provided following an accumulation of two (2) inches in depth. Depth decision shall be at the discretion of the contractor.**
- 3) **Parking lots and drives on all four sides of the Hall shall be plowed/salted and maintained.**
- 4) **Salt shall be applied when the lot conditions warrant to prevent slips and injuries. Such decision shall be at the discretion of the contractor.**
- 5) **The short walkways to the east and the south doors shall be cleared and/or salted.**
- 6) **The township hall is often rented and therefore the parking lot should be cleared 7 days a week.**

Green Township may call from time to time for additional plowing services when hall usage requires. Please note in your bid the number of years you have provided this service. Please provide two (2) locations with a contact person and phone number where you have provided this service who will serve as a reference for you.

Bidders shall provide Green Charter Township with Proof of Employer's Liability Insurance Coverage to include Workman's Comp.

Bids must be submitted by Thursday, October 8, 2020. Bids will be reviewed at the Oct 13, 2020 Board Meeting

Bids may be submitted online to supervisor@greentownship.org, by fax to 231-796-4718, or sent/brought to Green Township Hall 21431 Northland Dr. P.O. Box 233 Paris, Mi 49338. ALL BIDS WILL BE REVIEWED ON A "BEST VALUE" BASIS. GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS WITH OR WITHOUT CAUSE.

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DEPUTY CLERK TEMPORARY WAGE INCREASE

Due to the increased workload for the November election, because of the increased AV voters, it was proposed to change the authorized hours for the deputy clerk. There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to authorize up 35 hours per week during the time period between September 21, 2020 through November 27, 2020 for the deputy clerk.

MOTION CARRIED. 4 YES, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, 2 No, Stephan, Cushway, 1 absent Todd

FYI REPORTING

- During the recent heavy rain of 4 ½ inches, the Stone Hatchery had 9 inches of flooding inside. It left a coating of mud on the floor and the township maintenance contractor power washed.
- North Drain district will be removing the growth of brush and trees in that area.
- Streetlight at Northland Dr. & Forest Trail is in the process with Consumers Power, with a design change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Green Township's 180TH river landing has a large erosion hole. The DNR will be contacted.
- Charlie Brown Park is currently having more users reported the Neighbors.
- Request received for additional ditch trimming of weeds on 205th just north and south of 18 Mile Rd.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

MOTION was made by J. Peek supported by D. MacFarlane to approve payment of the following bills:

GENERAL FUND

8/24/2020- 9/08/2020 ck # 14533- #14565 - \$30,842.73

SEWER FUND

8/27/2020– 9/08/2020 CK # 3955- #3965 - \$16,642.07

MOTION CARRIED. 5 YES - Stephan, Peek, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, 1 NO -Cushway, ABSENT 1-Todd,

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 09/08/2020 – 8:18 P.M. meeting adjourned

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