

Unapproved

REGULAR SEPTEMBER 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
JAMES T. PEEK	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE

MINUTES

The clerk presented the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular board meeting.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by R. Carroll to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2021 regular board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 yes

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report:

9-9-2021 General fund balance \$462,049.09

9-9-2021 Sewer fund balance \$476,912.01

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**

SEWER REPORT

Troy McDonald presented the sewer report

7/30/2021 – 8/26/2021 27 days

Reading 24,377 6440 Total flow 755830, Average daily flow 27993

KW 245, kW Y.T.D. 3193

New filters have been ordered for the pumps

Currently no concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor read a thank you card from Jim & Linda Peek for the successful community breakfast and the sprucing up maintenance done at Charlie Brown Park.

Another resident Mr. Quick praised the community breakfast and commented positively on the use of the new swing set for children at events at the Stone Hatchery Park

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

County Commissioner M. Bradstrom was present and reported Mecosta Co Commissioners contracting with Guide House Assoc for consulting with the ARPA funds.

A resident asked the status of 220th bridge replacement in the near future. There was a discussion concluding the township already paid Mecosta County Road Commission a few years back for bridge repairs. Suggestion was for a 2-lane bridge. No action taken.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER LIFT STATION REPLACEMENT DESIGN PHASE ENGINEERING

Representatives of Fleis&VandenBrink Scott Hall, PE and Robert W. Wilcox, PE were present introducing the Proposal for Design Phase Engineering Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement.

Including: Statement of Understanding, Scope of Service, Anticipated Schedule, and Budget

There was a discussion.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by R. Carrol to approve the proposed contract with Fleis&VandenBrink Design Phase Engineering for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Replacement.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

STONE HATCHERY PROPERTY OWNERSHIP DISPUTE

(Under Paris Creek)

The supervisor reported correspondence has been received from the township attorney regarding the ownership of property of the land described in the 1929 release for channel change in the MDOT right-of-way. Documents have been filed with the court and copies are on file at the township.

The supervisor indicated this property ownership issue needs to be corrected.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) - The treasurer reported the ARPA funds have not been submitted to the township as of this date. Trustee Jernstadt spoke with State Senator Rick Outman who will inquire.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

TOWER BASE BIDS

Two bids have been received for the “Reinforced Concrete Communications Tower Base”. Gerber Construction and Grand River Construction, Inc.

There was a discussion.

- Contractors
- Delivery of ARPA funds
- Mecosta County Planning Commission tabled the Green Township zoning application for a variance.
- Bids proposal received, what is the parameter of time they are valid.
- Seven (7) subdivisions in the township that do not have adequate internet.
- Township board attendance at Mecosta Co. Planning Commission for variance of the internet tower.
- Ask if the bidders on the tower base would hold amount for a longer time.

PROPOSED DERBY PROPERTY

- Depends on the soil testing if it could keep the same parameters.
- Proposed tower property does not need rezoning.
- Needs soil testing Engineering
- Lease agreement to be reviewed by attorney
- Location is a high spot
- Existing drive
- Recommended waiting until the ARPA money is received.

MOTION was made by G. Todd and supported by J. Peek to table the discussion on the towers until next board meeting **MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES**

TOWNSHIP WIFI

Reed City Public Schools contacted the township inquiring about the use of a school bus parking in the hall parking lot with their WIFI for use by students when the school is closed. The supervisor informed them the township has WIFI already available to the public in the hall parking lot.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

NEW BUSINESS

BOY SCOUTS & CUB SCOUTS

Scout leader Mrs. Hughes was present requesting permission from the board allowing the Cub Scouts, both boys & girls to use the township hall two Thursdays per month for their meetings from 6-7:30.

MOTION was made by J. Peek and supported by D. MacFarlane to allow the Cub & Boy Scouts use of the township hall Monday nights and two Thursdays per month for the annual rental fee of \$800.00.

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

NOISE ORDINANCE OPTION

Recently there have been complaints concerning loud and unreasonable noise.

There have been issues with noise in the past. The current issues are in the areas of Old Logging Rd. and 220th Avenue.

There was a discussion.

- Reported the county can not approve ordinances.
- Searched for other township and cities for a sample noise ordinance.
- Green Charter Township may contract with Mecosta Co. Sheriff to handle these instances.
- Another township is interested.
- Mecosta Co. Sheriff will need approval from the County Commission.
- Review and determine process to adopt a noise ordinance.
- Draft for review was presented.
- Distance from homes and volume needs to be included in document.
- Township would have to adopt ordinance, not the county.
- Exception - normal business activity

Will bring back for second review and then submit for attorney review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert & Lori Davis – were present to express opposition of the tower installation on the township river access property at River Ranch and 180th.

They are township residents and property owner of the lot next to the proposed lot for the township internet tower.

Mr. Davis spoke on the following comments:

Zoned residential and not yet approved, FCC – regulations, tower height, liability, offer to sell at his purchase price, supports rural broadband.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

FYI

Northland Dr & 19 Mile Rd - not enough problems to warrant a stop light.

New used sign at SHP is installed.

Sign out front of hall needs new paint and letters.

Community Breakfast went well.

Light at SHP portable toilets needs to be installed.

RCPS will be using the SHP for their Homecoming Dance.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

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

MOTION CARRIED. 7 D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

GENERAL FUND							
#1	101-101-971	TWP BD - CAPITOL OUTLAY SOFTWARE	\$ 1,049.96	\$ 939.98	\$ 400.00	\$ 1,339.98	\$ 290.02
	FROM						
	101-101-970	TWP. BD - SMALL FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 2,410.02	\$ (400.00)	\$ 2,010.02	\$ 2,010.02
#2	101-265-724	TWP. HALL - INTERNET SERVICES	\$ 9,256.15	\$ 7,143.81	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 10,643.81	\$ 1,387.66
#3	101-265-976	TWP. HALL - ADDS. & IMPROVEMENTS (windows)	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 150.00
	FROM				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	101-265-972	TWP. HALL LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ 9,747.70	\$ 18,356.19	\$ (6,500.00)	\$ 11,856.19	\$ 2,108.49
#4	101-325-728	COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRIC COMM.	\$ 276.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 301.00	\$ 25.00
new	101-350-827	ARPA TOWER - PROFESSIONAL FEES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
new	101-350-956	ARPA MISC. PERMITS	\$ 154.50		\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 145.50
	FROM				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	101-528-800	CLEANUP DAY CONTRACT SERVICIES	\$ 3,650.00	\$ 6,408.20	\$ (2,600.00)	\$ 3,808.20	\$ 158.20
#5	101-446-818	HIGHWAYS - CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 96,776.23	\$ 77,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 97,000.00	\$ 223.77
	FROM				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	101-751-972	PARKS & REC - LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (20,000.00)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
#6	NEW 101-350-971	ARPA LARGE FIXED ASSETS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
	FROM				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	ADVANCE FROM FUND	ADVANCE FROM FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ 136,933.02	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 176,933.02	\$ 176,933.02

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

GENERAL FUND

8/17/2021- 9/14/2021 ck # 15019- #15061 - \$142,570.83

SEWER FUND

9/14/2021– 9/14/2021 CK #4088- #4096 - \$3,195.44

MOTION CARRIED. 7 YES D. Jernstadt, J. Peek, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

Janet Clark, Township Clerk 9/14/2021 – 9:10 P.M. meeting adjourned

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021