

GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.
PARIS, MI 49338
6:00PM
UNAPPROVED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm ROLL CALL Cushway, Hoeh, Henderson, Rasmussen, Riebow, Thorne, Kruse, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry V.- Can you give us an amount on what has been paid for legal fees for fighting Gotion? We lost money from them suing us and that is our tax dollars. Paul Q.-The minutes aren't showing up correctly on the website (known glitch, we are working on). Brenda H.-28 year resident, wants to talk about one of our own tonight. He's making a trip to Washington DC in October. His name is James Johnson, Jim served with the Army National Guard in 1974 during the end of Vietnam. Jim continued serving for 26 years and ended in 2001. We are sponsoring him for the trip. Jim served and is still serving our community. He was on the road commission and was the supervisor at the Morley Garage. Thank you, Jim to your commitment to our community and country. Karen L.- After hearing concerns about tax money being used to fight Gotion. Our tax money is also being used to fund Gotion so it's coming out of your pocket. Rhonda L.- US House passed a bi-partisan legislation that prohibits the use of batteries by Gotion. I know there is a lot of talk about Gotion, but even the US Government is taking notice.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Time to think about snow plow bids again. The next election commission meeting will need to be scheduled soon. Dan Hoeh talked about the Big Dam Bike Ride this Saturday. Many people from all over the country will be participating. Henderson stated that the last day to pay taxes on time is Monday, September 16th. The office will be open from 9am until an undetermined time in the evening. Stated that last tax deadline he was there until 8pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
2. August Treasurer's Report
3. Sewer Department Report will be given quarterly
4. Legislative report: Marijuana grant requests were distributed. The requests were 4 million dollars and the county only had \$906,508. The road commission got \$178,000 to cover one brine for each township. The sheriff's department got \$9500 to update their radios which were badly needed. We tried to be fair and give everyone something. It boiled down to wants vs needs.
5. Planning and Zoning Report
6. Sheriff's Reports

A motion was made by Thorne to approve the consent agenda. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Board of Review, we are still seeking members and this is a paid position. To apply, please contact the Clerk at clerk@greentownship.org.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sealed bids for cleaning services. 3 sealed bids were opened. Hoeh mad a motion to hire Pam, who has previously assisted Hope Network's cleaning crews for 10 years, contingent upon liability insurance. Supported by Rassmussen. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL: A motion was made by Cushway to approve checks 15649-16608 from GF and checks 4471-4475 from SF. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ginny V.- My goal is to try and figure out what is going on with Gotion and where our tax money is going. Is the board trying to shut Gotion down? Can we get an answer in a few weeks, months or years? Supervisor stated that we do not have an answer to that right now. Steve O.- I asked last month and would still like the board to consider getting rid of the admin fee to pay taxes. It's a matter of principle. Also would like to help offset the cost by working with people to try and raise funds that would be lost. Maybe a chicken dinner or something like that? Larry V.-We heard from Karen that the state is giving Gotion \$178 million. I'm assuming that is a tax credit. The state is not paying them to set up shop?

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Thorne at 7:06pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

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