

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024  
GREEN TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.  
PARIS, MI 49338  
6:00 PM  
APPROVED**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. ROLL CALL:** Cushway, Henderson, Hoeh, Riebow, Thorne, Kruse present. Rasmussen absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jilliane W.-Wanted to introduce myself. I am an 8 year GCT resident and have lived in Mecosta County my whole life. I have an associates from FSU and have been married for 20 years. I did accounts payable and receivable for a local construction company for 15 years and worked at a bank in Big Rapids for 5 years. I am currently the deputy clerk and am running for Green Charter Township Treasurer. I will serve with integrity. Steve L.-was asked to do a project in the cemeteries. Spent 5 hours cleaning up. There are a lot of ugly things in the cemeteries, the hand pumps don't work well. I have priced them at \$89 each to replace them. There are a lot of issues in the cemeteries not being addressed. I have worked on restoring headstones etc, previously and would like to have some sort of event to help with some of these things. Frost has heaved some of the white post markers and they need some maintenance. I would like to volunteer to help do some of these things.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

1. State of the Township Report, given by Supervisor Kruse. Covered technology & equipment, Lift Station, Planning and Zoning, Internet, Litigation, SHP, Cemeteries and Audit.
2. Flying Locksmith Estimate for Video Intercom System. A motion was made by Thorne to approve an estimate to install the video intercom system from The Flying Locksmiths at \$3522.99. Supported by Hoeh. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. TextMyGov.com. A proposal for a texting service to inform residents of events, emergencies or other general information was presented to the board. The board decided to do some further research on other services or options.
4. Assessor resumes. Two resumes were presented to the board. A motion was made by Thorne to accept the agreement presented by Michael Richmond contingent on a 2 year contract. If not agreed upon by Michael, the board will default to Kenn Vredenburg's contract. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. Agreement to retain Eckland and Blando LLP at no charge unless services are rendered. A motion was made by Cushway to accept the agreement between Eckland & Blando LLP and Green Charter Township for matters concerning Gotion. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. Lending Library donation from the Girl Scouts. The lending library is almost finished and a location for installation needs to be decided. A motion was made by Cushway to install the

lending library in the vicinity of the pavilion and playground area. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. Ballot Box placement. A motion was made by Thorne to install the new ballot box somewhere in the area of the Northeast corner of the parking lot making it accessible from a vehicle. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from Sarah Gamble-Brown was presented to the board, terminating her candidacy for GCT Clerk.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Hoeh to approve the previous month's minutes. Supported by Henderson. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. May Treasurer Report given by Henderson
3. Sewer Department Report: From Operative Services. Will be available to view on website.
4. Legislative Report: Randy Vetter-Air B&B's and short-term rentals. The state has informed the county that the county has no jurisdiction in this area to police air b&b's and short-term rentals. Grant township is currently drafting paperwork for an ordinance on this and I would recommend you do as well. Keep homes as residences and not short-term rentals. Friday at 4pm is the deadline for applications for grant money. Answers will be given mid-July.
4. Planning and Zoning Report for May given by Zoning Administrator, Brent Mason. There were 11 properties reviewed and approved in the month of May. A detailed report will be available on the website.
5. Sheriff's Report. Traffic Stops-14, Traffic Tickets-5, Appearance Tickets-3, Property Damage Crashes-8, Physical Arrests-4, Animal Control-0, Total Complaints-33

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Correction to April 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Cushway to approve the correction to the April 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes, Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Hoeh to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2024 and June 3, 2024. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. Nancy Stephan, Parks and Recreation Update. Signs have been purchased for Farm and Yard Market. The paint bid will be the same as a year ago. A site plan has been reviewed for bathrooms. A 3 bathroom facility with a changing room has already been approved so we have to stick with that. Two local contractors are looking at the project. The grant request will be in by 4pm on Friday. The bathrooms will be ADA compliant and unisex. P&R Committee needs are: SHP Driveway needs gravel. Will need 30 yards at \$650 with grading at an additional \$300 for a total of \$950. Wood chips for under playground area, quoted 10 yards at \$320. Would like permanent benches and new picnic tables to be considered in the

future. The painter is ready to paint inside the building with a quote of \$9950. A resident stated that a window in the SE corner of the hatchery building is ready to fall out and needs to be replaced asap. Two residents offered to pay the total cost for the gravel project as well as the pine chips. A motion was made by Hoeh to allocate \$3000 to the Parks and Recreation Committee for improvements to SHP. Supported by Henderson. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**FINANCIAL:**

1. Approve monthly checks: A motion was made by Thorne to approve the monthly checks GF-16427-16466 with the exception of check #16428 and SF-4459. Supported by Henerson. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Deb M.- What the board has done has been amazing with forming the committees, Planning Commission and everything else. There have been a lot of challenges and negative press, but I am so impressed. Tom S.-I have lived in Mecosta County for 67 years with 30 years as a GCT resident. I am semi-retired and my last full time employment was Crossroads Charter Academy as the facility director for 12 years. I have been working elections for the past 4 years. I would like to thank the board for appointing me to the Planning Commission, so far I am enjoying it. I am currently running for GCT Trustee. Thank you to the board for everything you have done. Ross M.-I have worked in Big Rapids since 1990, moved to GCT in 2005. Four years ago a former supervisor passed away and I ran against Jim Chapman for supervisor. I worked at CCA for 24 years as a teacher, principal, superintendent and soccer coach. I have been a precinct delegate and was the chairman of the Mecosta County Republican Party. I am running for Trustee of GCT.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM.

Prepared by



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Mecosta County