

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP MEETING
1836 EAST BELTLINE N.E.**

**March 1, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Brief Public Comment. (Brief 2-3 minutes per person relating to agenda items).
- *3. Approve minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of February 16, 2016.
- *4. Consider cash disbursements.
- *5. Consider bills to be paid.
- *6. Public Hearing - re: Community Development Block Grant Funds.
- *7. Consider authorization to participate and cost share in DAS Tower Consortium.
- *8. Consider approval of the Fire Department capital expenditure to purchase a commercial washer, and installation, in the amount not to exceed \$9,300.
9. Board Comments.
10. Public Comments. (Please limit comments to less than 5 minutes and state your name and address for the recording secretary).
11. Adjournment.

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2016**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Michael DeVries. The meeting was held in the Township Hall. The following were present: Supervisor Michael DeVries, Clerk Edward Robinette, Trustees Rusty Merchant, David Pierangeli, Robert Roth, and Lee Van Popering. Treasurer David Van Dyke was absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

2. **BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.** There were none.

3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2016.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved payment of the bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **CONSIDER APPROVAL TO STRIKE DELINQUENT TAXES FROM THE TAX ROLL.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A DEDICATED SERVER.**

Robert Roth, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the request for up to \$11,880.63 for purchase and installation of the computer server as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF THE 2016 ROAD MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the list of road projects and the expenditure of up to \$264,750.00 as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2016 MEIJER GARDENS CONCERT OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMITS.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of Outdoor Assembly Permits for up to 30 concert dates for the Frederik Meijer Gardens Summer Concerts. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **BOARD COMMENTS.** There were none.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were none.

11. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP

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Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Amount
Bank GEN GENERAL CHECKING					
02/04/2016	GEN	8289	COMCAST	COMCAST	10.59
02/04/2016	GEN	8290	CE ST LTS	CONSUMERS ENERGY	7,028.33
02/04/2016	GEN	8291	CONSUMERS	CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,333.75
02/04/2016	GEN	8292	FLEET	FLEET SERVICES - WEX BANK	173.26
02/04/2016	GEN	8293	MARATHON F	MARATHON FLEET - WEX BANK	128.09
02/05/2016	GEN	8259	ALLEGRA	ALLEGRA	56.31
02/05/2016	GEN	8260	APPLIED IM	APPLIED IMAGING	264.26
02/05/2016	GEN	8261	CARDMEMBER	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	407.38
02/05/2016	GEN	8262	CASH-CADY	CASH - CADY	100.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8263	CONS LIFE	CONSUMERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	239.52
02/05/2016	GEN	8264	COVERALL	COVERALL OF WEST MICHIGAN	253.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8265	EVERKEPT	EVERKEPT	85.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8266	GUEST SERV	GUEST SERVICES	167.32
02/05/2016	GEN	8267	J & P MICH	J & P MICHIGAN EVALUATOIN GROUP	975.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8268	KCCA	KENT COUNTY CLERKS ASSOC	30.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8269	KC EMS	KENT COUNTY EMERGENCY MED	239.48
02/05/2016	GEN	8270	KC ROAD CO	KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISS.	19,145.75
02/05/2016	GEN	8271	KC TREASUR	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	387.98
02/05/2016	GEN	8272	LUSCIOUS L	LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES	3,907.64
02/05/2016	GEN	8273	NFPA BILLI	NFPA BILLING CENTER	175.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8274	OFFICE DEP	OFFICE DEPOT	197.21
02/05/2016	GEN	8275	PRINTING S	PRINTING SYSTEMS	247.56
02/05/2016	GEN	8276	PRIORITY	PRIORITY HEALTH	11,280.36
02/05/2016	GEN	8277	SPECTRUM	SPECTRUM HEALTH OCCU SVCS	1,132.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8278	STAPLES	STAPLES CREDIT PLAN	99.99
02/05/2016	GEN	8279	STEGMIER G	STEGMIER, GINGER	200.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8280	TENDER LAW	TENDER LAWN CARE	772.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8281	TIME EMERG	TIME EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	1,559.82
02/05/2016	GEN	8282	VICTORY SI	VICTORY SIGN & GRAPHICS LLC	65.00
02/05/2016	GEN	8283	WERDON L	WERDON, LUKE	350.44
02/19/2016	GEN	8294	ABSOPURE	ABSOPURE WATER CO.	60.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8295	ADDORIO	ADDORIO TECHNOLOGIES LLC	281.25
02/19/2016	GEN	8296	ADVANCE	ADVANCE NEWSPAPERS	119.20
02/19/2016	GEN	8297	DEVRIES	DEVRIES, MICHAEL	437.15
02/19/2016	GEN	8298	FIT TESTIN	FIT TESTING SERVICES INC	850.50
02/19/2016	GEN	8299	IAFC	IAFC MEMBERSHIP	234.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8300	KCI	KCI	270.45
02/19/2016	GEN	8301	KC FIRE CH	KENT COUNTY FIRE CHIEF AS	25.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8302	KC ROAD CO	KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISS.	5,360.03
02/19/2016	GEN	8303	KC SUPERVI	KENT COUNTY SUPERV ASSOCI	75.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8304	KCT LAW	KENT COUNTY TREASURER	48,785.93
02/19/2016	GEN	8305	KENT RECOR	KENT RECORD MANAGEMENT INC	213.32
02/19/2016	GEN	8306	LIFE EMS	LIFE EMS AMBULANCE OF GR	10.50
02/19/2016	GEN	8307	LINDE	LINDE GAS N AMERICA LLC	142.94
02/19/2016	GEN	8308	LOWES	LOWE'S	91.69
02/19/2016	GEN	8309	MDOT	MDOT	21,441.50
02/19/2016	GEN	8310	MOORE & BR	MOORE & BRUGGINK INC	28,750.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8311	NAGLE CON	NAGEL CONSTRUCTION	78,944.22
02/19/2016	GEN	8312	NFPA BILLI	NFPA BILLING CENTER	128.75
02/19/2016	GEN	8313	NYE UNIFOR	NYE UNIFORM COMPANY	263.49
02/19/2016	GEN	8314	OFFICE DEP	OFFICE DEPOT	180.57
02/19/2016	GEN	8315	ORKIN	ORKIN INC	78.05
02/19/2016	GEN	8316	ROCKFORD A	ROCKFORD AMBULANCE	658.80
02/19/2016	GEN	8317	SHELDON	SHELDON CLEANERS	15.55
02/19/2016	GEN	8318	SIEGRIED C	SIEGFRIED CRANDALL PC	186.50
02/19/2016	GEN	8319	SIGN A RAM	SIGN*A*RAMA	133.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8320	TENDER LAW	TENDER LAWN CARE	3,288.00
02/19/2016	GEN	8321	WITMER	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	376.93
02/22/2016	GEN	8327	DTE	DTE ENERGY	856.00
02/22/2016	GEN	8328	TDS METROC	TDS METROCOM	361.41

GEN TOTALS:

Total of 60 Checks:	243,631.77
Less 0 Void Checks:	0.00
Total of 60 Disbursements:	243,631.77

BOTH OPEN AND PAID

Claimant	Amount Claimed	Amount Owed	Amount Rejected
1. DTE ENERGY	856.00		
2. TDS METROCOM	361.41		
TOTAL ALL CLAIMS	1,217.41		

BOTH OPEN AND PAID

Claimant	Amount Claimed	Amount Owed	Amount Rejected
1. ARGUS-HAZCO	108.37		
2. CARDMEMBER SERVICE	669.84		
3. CONSUMERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	205.78		
4. COVERALL OF WEST MICHIGAN	285.25		
5. FIREHOUSE SOFTWARE-AFF COMP SERVICE	1,125.00		
6. GRAND RAPIDS CITY TREAS.	486.25		
7. HAMMOND, KARA	105.99		
8. KCI	688.14		
9. KENT COUNTY TREASURER	97.48		
10. LAKESHORE OPTICIANS	120.00		
11. LUSCIOUS LANDSCAPES	3,907.64		
12. MIKA MEYERS BECKETT/JONES	11,795.00		
13. NYE UNIFORM COMPANY	134.50		
14. OFFICE DEPOT	116.09		
15. PLEUNE SERVICE COMPANY	145.00		
16. PRIORITY HEALTH	8,586.68		
17. ROCKFORD AMBULANCE	160,895.00		
18. SPECTRUM HEALTH OCCU SVCS	75.00		
19. TENDER LAWN CARE	772.00		
20. TIME EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT	215.49		
TOTAL ALL CLAIMS	190,534.50		

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BOTH OPEN AND PAID

Claimant	Amount Claimed	Amount Owed	Amount Rejected
1. COMCAST	184.85		
2. CONSUMERS ENERGY	1,191.22		
3. DTE ENERGY	474.61		
TOTAL ALL CLAIMS	1,850.68		

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Item # 6

March 1, 2016

TO: Grand Rapids Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael J. DeVries
Township Supervisor

RE: Public Hearing re: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

RECOMMENDATION

No action necessary, discussion only.

BACKGROUND

See attached.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP' PROPOSED
USE OF 2016-2017 KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
FUNDS.**

A public hearing will be conducted by Grand Rapids Charter Township Board at 7:00 p.m.
March 1, 2016 in the Grand Rapids Township Hall, 1836 East Beltline N.E.

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss qualifying projects and the allocation of available funds.

Public comments will be received during the hearing, orally or in writing, regarding the Grand
Rapids Charter Township proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(HUD) Community Development Block Grant Funds.

The County of Kent has allocated a portion of its 2016-2017 federal entitlement Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) to Grand Rapids Charter Township. The primary objective
of the federal CDBG Entitlement Program "...is the development of viable urban communities,
by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic
opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income."

Activities using CDBG funds must meet one of the following National Objectives: benefiting
low and moderate income persons; addressing slums or blight; or, meeting a particularly urgent
community development need.

Edward J. Robinette
Clerk
Grand Rapids Charter Township

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**Kent County Community Development Block Grant Program
Local Units of Government Allocations
Grand Rapids Charter Township
Balance as of 11/12/15**

Funds from Program Year 2013-2014 will be recaptured on July 1, 2016 if unspent.

Project Breakdown

Program Year	Project	Project Budget	Available Balance
2013-2014	Crahen Valley Park Overlook/Trail	\$7,155.00	\$0.00
2014-2015	Contingency	\$7,155.00	\$7,155.00
2015-2016	Contingency	\$6,797.00	\$6,797.00

**Estimated
2016-2017 Allocation = \$6,457.00**

The above balance is subject to change as invoices are posted to the account throughout the budget year or errors are discovered through our internal audit process.

Feb. 18, 2016

Grand Rapids Charter Township
1836 E. Beltline Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Re: Community Development of Block Grant

I am a resident of Porter Hills Retirement Community and would like to bring to your attention a problem which many of your constituents face.

Since there is no public transportation in the township the cost is born by the residents. At present the cost of a round trip to an appointment is \$60.00 to 70.00. This is proving to be a real burden to those who have no other options of transport.

There are over 1200 units housing senior citizens in the township at present with more being added by the developers of the old YMCA. All of these residents pay property taxes either directly or indirectly and so are entitled to benefits from those funds. I might add that out 2014 Winter Tax Bill included an increase to the Kent County Senior millage.

I propose that the grant money be held in reserve while the board pursues various options to ease this burdensome cost. Attached is a copy of an article outlining how the Ada Twp. Board is addressing this issue. (Ridelink is an affordable option but from my own experience it cannot be relied on to get one to an appointment on time).

I trust you will address this sissue with sincerity and an attitude which deems this an appropriate are of concern.

I request that this letter be read at the March 1 meeting. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Blanche Vander Bent
3602 E. Fulton #311
Grand Rapids, MI. 49546
808-2343

ADA TOWNSHIP

Ada board will use federal grant for Hope Network costs

By Jan Holst
jholst@mlive.com

Ada Township has earmarked its \$6,287 in federal Community Development block grant funds from Kent County for the year 2016 for its public transportation plan.

After a public hearing Jan. 25, the board voted to allocate all available funds from the federal grant to offset the cost of providing Hope Network transportation services to township residents.

CDBG funds have been used for the past three years toward the cost of providing Hope Network transportation services to township residents.

Hope Network provides door-to-door specialized transportation for residents older than 60 and those with disabilities.

The federal funds, which are allocated for services or infrastructure that benefit low-income or disabled residents in the township, will fund only a portion of the annual expenses incurred for the transportation contract.

The annual contract between Ada Township and Hope Network costs about \$22,000.

Residents using the service pay \$3 per trip, with the township picking up the rest of the approximately \$16 trip.

EMPLOYMENT

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Item # 7

March 1, 2016

TO: Grand Rapids Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael J. DeVries
Township Supervisor

RE: DAS Tower Consortium Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of participation in the DAS Consortium Agreement.

BACKGROUND

The Consortium is a collaboration of the willing local governments that will share the cost of legal fees increased to provide for the modifications of the Metro Act Permit to include DAS tower license agreement regulations. See attached.



GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

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ROCKFORD • SPARTA • SAND LAKE • TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP • WALKER • WAYLAND • WYOMING

DAS Tower Consortium Agreement

The _____ does hereby agree to join the Grand Valley
(city, township, village, etc.)

Metropolitan Council’s DAS Tower Consortium with the purpose of cost sharing of a legal packet to be utilized for DAS tower right-of-way requests. The packet will contain:

- Metro Act Permit-modified
- DAS License Agreement-Broad “best case language” Guide for Negotiations
- DAS License Agreement-Narrow-“more likely to be approved by the industry” Guide for Negotiations
- A Draft Cover letter for responding to requests
- Zoning Check list for Internal Reviews

The total cost is expected to be approximately \$15,000, which will be divided evenly amongst all consortium members.

Name

Title

Date

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Item # 8

March 1, 2016

TO: Grand Rapids Charter Township Board of Trustees

FROM: Michael J. DeVries
Township Supervisor

RE: Fire Department capital purchase

RECOMMENDATION

Consider approval of the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$9,300.00 for the purchase and installation of a commercial washer for the Fire Department turn out gear.

BACKGROUND

This washer is a specialized washer to handle the cleaning of turn out gear. The purchase is budget constrained.