

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 1, 2015**

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, Treasurer David Van Dyke, Trustees Rusty Merchant, David Pierangeli, Robert Roth, and Lee Van Popering. There were nine people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA.

Supervisor DeVries asked to add a report of the Personnel Committee to the agenda as the first item considered. Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Committee Chairman Robert Roth outlined the 2016 Wage/Benefit Schedule. The committee recommended that the Township Board consider the 2016 Wage/Benefit Schedule as part of the 2016 Budget that the Board will adopt later this fall. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the recommendation as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Roth also reported that the Committee met with Robert Versluys regarding his interest in the position of Township Fire Chief. The committee recommended that the Township Board consider promoting Robert Versluys to the position of Fire Chief effective Jan. 1, 2016, contingent on continuing education and annual reviews by the Supervisor and Clerk with reports to the Personnel Committee.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2015.

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

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

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

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 1ST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 506

The Public Hearing will be held during the September 15, 2015 Board Meeting.

7. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO BONNELL PARK USE AGREEMENT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the amendment as presented, and authorizes the Supervisor to sign on behalf of the Township. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000 FOR BRIDGE BEAMS TO BE USED ON THE TRAIL IN CRAHEN VALLEY PARK.

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

9. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

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

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
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