

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 15, 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, Treasurer David Van Dyke, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, David Pierangeli, Lee Van Popering, and Beverly Wall. There were 21 people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Led by Cub Scout Troop 3015**

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

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2016.**

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

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

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

**5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PLACE DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS TO THE WINTER TAX ROLL.**

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

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PAY ELECTION WORKERS.**

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

**7. CONDUCT 2017 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously. There were no comments on the budget. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2017 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET RESOLUTION.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved adoption of the 2017 Budget Resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Pierangeli, Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Wall, DeVries, Merchant

NAYS: None

The 2017 Grand Rapids Charter Township Budget Resolution is declared adopted.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the recommendations of the committee as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Wall, DeVries, Merchant, Pierangeli

NAYS: None

The recommendations of the Personnel Committee are approved.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2017 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PAY RATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER THOMAS GERGER.**

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

**12. NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION REPORTS.**

Clerk Robinette presented statistics from the November 8 election.

**13. BOARD COMMENTS.** Rusty Merchant provided an update on legislative activity in Lansing.

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Walter Allen of 2300 Dunnigan NE, and Patrick Cell of 2275 Dunnigan NE, asked for an update on the elevated Chloride levels in well water on Dunnigan. Each Cub Scout then asked a question of the Supervisor.

**15. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.