

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 1, 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 David Pierangeli, Robert Roth, and Lee Van Popering. Trustee Rusty Merchant was absent. There was no one in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT. There were none.

Supervisor DeVries asked the board to amend the agenda to discuss a letter of resignation by Robert Roth. There was no objection.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016.

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

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

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

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING – RE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Robert Roth, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments. David Pierangeli, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Supervisor DeVries read the letter which was sent by Blanche Vander Bent of 3602 E. Fulton #311. The board discussed the options available that qualify for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to request that the County accumulate the funds for one more year and to investigate the possibility of restoring the historic Knapp School building and making it handicap accessible with the CDBG funds. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER THE AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE AND COST SHARE IN DAS TOWER CONSORTIUM.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of request as presented and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Consortium Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE A COMMERCIAL WASHER, AND INSTALLATION, IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9300.00.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the expenditure for the washing machine not to exceed \$9300.00. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

David Pierangeli, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to accept the resignation, with regret, of Robert Roth, to be effective after the last meeting of April. The motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the need to fill the vacancy within the 45 day requirement. Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved the appointment of Beverly Wall to the office of Trustee to fill the vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.

10. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
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