

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
August 15, 2017**

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, Lee Van Popering, and Philip Yeiter. One trustee position remains vacant. There were 6 people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

Supervisor DeVries asked for permission to amend the agenda in the following ways:

Move Item 8 to Item 6, advancing the other items on the agenda one position.

Add Item 10, a resolution to designate Sept 15 as POW/MIA day.

David Pierangeli, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to amend the agenda as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2017.**

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

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

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

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BLACKHAWK FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM AND RESOLUTION.**

David Van Dyke asked to be excused from voting or participating in the discussion on this and the next agenda items due to a conflict of interest. David Pierangeli, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to excuse Mr. Van Dyke from voting. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Van Dyke left the meeting at this point.

Philip Yeiter, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the Resolution approving the Blackhawk Final Preliminary Site Condominium Plan. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: DeVries, Pierangeli, Robinette, Van Popering, Yeiter

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Van Dyke

The Resolution is approved.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN STREET WATERMAIN AND CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Construction Agreement, the Water Main Oversizing Agreement, the Water Main

and Sanitary Sewer Payback Agreement, and the Memorandum of Understanding as approved by the township attorney and authorizes the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the necessary documents. The motion passed unanimously.

David Van Dyke re-joined the meeting at this point.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR OPEN TRUSTEE POSITION.**

David Pierangeli, chair of the Personnel Committee, gave the report of the Personnel Committee that met at 6:30 pm on August 15, 2017. The committee was presented with the letters-of-interest from Lindsey Koorndyk-Thiel and Vas Christopoulos, both seeking to fill the vacant Trustee position. The committee considered both to be excellent, well qualified candidates. The committee recommends that Vas Christopoulos be appointed Trustee, to fill the vacancy on the Township Board. David Pierangeli, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to appoint Vas Christopoulos to the vacant Trustee position on the Township Board. The motion passed unanimously. Vas Christopoulos was then sworn in as a Trustee for Grand Rapids Charter Township. Ms. Christopoulos joined the meeting at this point.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LAND ACQUISITION FOR GREENBELT.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the purchase of the 4 parcels for \$2500.00 each as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF SCULPTURE DONATION.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to accept the long term loan of a sculpture from Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park for placement on Township property. The motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 15 AS POW/MIA DAY.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved approval of the resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. BOARD COMMENTS.** The board unanimously welcomed Vas Christopoulos to the Township Board. Ms. Christopoulos expressed her thanks for the appointment and eagerness to serve with her fellow Trustees.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** Sgt. Scott Wilbur of the Michigan State Police was in attendance and will have regular updates for the board on a regular basis.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.