

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 17, 2007**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Michael DeVries in the Township Hall. The following persons were present: Supervisor Michael J. DeVries, Clerk Janice K. Hulbert, Treasurer Angela M. Weiss, Trustees Lee VanPopering, Edward J. Robinette, and Chris Afendoulis. Absent was Rusty C. Merchant. There were approximately 3 people present in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2007.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Angela Weiss, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Angela Weiss, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve bills to be paid. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION BY ROBERT PARTRIDGE FROM GRAND RAPIDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

Mr. Partridge was not available for the meeting. Chris Afendoulis spoke regarding the millage for Grand Rapids Community College.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PARK EQUIPMENT PURCHASE.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve purchase of 4 park benches from Engan-Tooley-Doyle & Associates in the amount of \$1,560.00. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER CHANGE IN GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve Resolution and Authorization for Change in Standard Street Lighting Contract for street lights in West Hampton. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER REQUEST FOR USE OF KNAPP STREET SCHOOL HOUSE.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the use of the Knapp Street School by the Western Michigan Abolitionist and Underground Railroad Tour on May 19, 2007 subject to providing liability insurance and \$100.00 security deposit. The group also requested access on May 17 and May 21 for set up and clean up. Motion passed unanimously.

The School is not normally available for use by outside groups. The Board explained that the reason for permission to use the school was because this is a special request by a historical society.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT FOR THE 2007 MEIJER GARDENS CONCERT SERIES.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Angela Weiss, moved to approve Outdoor Assembly Permit for the 2007 Meijer Garden Concert Series. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF METRO ACT PERMIT APPLICATION UNIVERSAL FOREST PRODUCTS, INC.

Universal Forest Products proposes to use the right-of-way for inner-duct from the east side of the East Beltline to their other location on East Beltline Lane. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved approval of Metro Act Permit Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER PROCLAMATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK (MAY 20-26, 2007).

Edward Robinette, seconded by Angela Weiss, moved to approve resolution proclaiming the week of May 20, 2007 as EMS Week in Grand Rapids Township. Motion passed unanimously.

11. SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

- A. ADDITIONAL PATHWAY DONATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, THANKS TO ALL.
- B. 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PIZZA WITH PUBLIC SAFETY WAS A WONDERFUL EVENT.

Michael DeVries updated the Board regarding pathway donations and the annual public safety event.

12. BOARD COMMENTS.

There were no Board comments.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,