

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 7, 2008**

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 Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There was 1 person in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no comments from the audience.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on September 16, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the cash disbursements for September as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORCHARD VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TRAIL  
PAVING EXPENSE.**

The Forest Hills Public Schools has secured, on our behalf, a competitive price to pave a section of trail in front of Orchard View Elementary School. The school has rebuilt their front entrance drives as part of a larger improvement project to their facility. During that process, preparations for a trail between the drives were made. Next year, as part of our road projects, Leffingwell Avenue will be improved to add a left turn lane at 3 Mile Road. At that time it is anticipated the trail will be extended to Winesap in order to connect Apple Valley and Lenwood neighborhoods to the school.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the paving expense for a trail segment in front of Orchard View Elementary School in an amount not-to-exceed \$5,000.

Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Proposed Ordinance #467 was presented. The Ordinance will continue the status and operations of the Township Planning Commission under the terms of the new Michigan Planning Enabling Act.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to adopt Ordinance #467, AN ORDINANCE TO CONTINUE THE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.

Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER RESOLUTION RE: FAMOUS DAVE'S.**

A request was received for the transfer of ownership of a 2008 Class C Licensed Business located at 1501 East Beltline NE, Grand Rapids MI 49525 from Team R N'B Wisconsin, LLC to Big Ten Ribs, Inc.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the Liquor License Transfer Resolution Re: Famous Dave's. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2009 ADVERTISING PROPOSAL FROM ADVANCE NEWSPAPERS.**

A proposal for legal advertising was received from THE ADVANCE NEWSPAPERS. This is an annual request for approval of advertising rates. This request is for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the proposal as presented for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CRAHEN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT ENGINEERING WORK ORDER DOCUMENT.**

The Crahen Road/Forest Hill Avenue Trail Project is complete, except for the railroad crossing bridge on Crahen Road. The bridge is necessary to provide a safe crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians. The consideration is for engineering only and does not authorize construction. Grand Rapids Township will consider construction once engineering and cost estimates are obtained.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve \$15,000 to complete the engineering design for Crahen Road railroad crossing bridge and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the work order. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to add the following items to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION OF GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND CLERK TO SIGN REPLACEMENT SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT.**

Grand Rapids Township has an agreement with Plainfield Township and Kent County, to provide sanitary sewer service to portions of Grand Rapids Township. In order for the new North Kent Sewer Authority plant to begin operation later this year, those agreements must be replaced with a new North Kent Sewer Authority agreement and a Plainfield Township agreement.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with Plainfield Township and North Kent Sewer Authority, subject to the legal review by Township Attorney, James Brown.

Motion passed unanimously.

**12. REQUEST FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT SUNSHINE CHURCH.**

Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz, submitted a request from Sunshine Church to conduct a fireworks display on Wednesday, October 29, 2009.

Mr. Radakovitz listed the requirements for the permit as follows:

- a. The Deputy Fire Chief shall have the authority to stop and/or cancel the fireworks display at his discretion depending on the weather conditions then existing.
- b. Complete and return to the Office of the Director of Public Safety, the Application Permit for Fireworks Display.
- c. Submit a copy of certificate of liability insurance in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000), specifically naming the Township as an additionally insured.
- d. Submit a notarized statement, signed by an authorized official of Sunshine Church, holding the Township, its employees, and agents thereof harmless from any and all claims arising out of the storage, site inspection, and display of the fireworks.
- e. Submit the qualifications of the Pyrotechnic Display Operator.
- f. Provide a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet(s) for all products used.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for fireworks display at Sunshine Church on October 29, 2009, with the requirements as listed. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Board comments were accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP