

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009**

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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were two people 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 1, 2009.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on September 1, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST.**

A letter was received from Catholic Central Secondary School Boosters requesting permission to obtain a one day beer and wine license for their First Annual Community Cougar Fest on September 26, 2009 at 2770 Knapp NE.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request for application for a one day liquor license as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF \$400 PARTNERING MUNICIPALITY MEMBERSHIP IN LGROW.**

A letter was received from Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds (LGROW) introducing the establishment of the organization, managed by Grand Valley Metro Council.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to participate with the group and approve membership payment of \$400. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HIRING TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE.**

Michael DeVries requested permission to hire a temporary employee to cover the office support staff during an upcoming vacation and maternity leave.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request to hire a temporary support person as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Edward Robinette reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held at 6:30 pm, September 15, 2009.

- a. Grand Rapids Township will no longer sanction insurance companies offering supplemental insurance policies for Township employees.
- b. Health insurance premium contribution for non-union employees will increase from 6% to 10%.
- c. New hires after January 1, 2010, who are eligible for health insurance, will be eligible for single coverage only. Extended coverage will be available at the cost of the employee.
- d. Health Savings Accounts will continue to be funded at 67% of the policy deductible.
- e. Miscellaneous Medical contribution will be increased by \$50 for single coverage and \$100 for two person and family coverage.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** There were no Board comments.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
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