

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2010**

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 public comments.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, APRIL 6, 2010.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on April 6, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HIRING JOB SHARE EMPLOYEE.

Michael DeVries informed the Board that he would like to change the receptionist position from one full-time position to a job share position with two part-time employees. One part-time employee is already on staff. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request to contract with an employment agency to hire a part-time employee for the receptionist position. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2010 LOCAL ROAD PROJECT EXPENDITURE.

Michael DeVries informed the Board that there are two road reconstruction projects that need to be done soon, Oak Cliff Drive and Knapp Court. The cost for those projects is \$424,000, shared at 50% with the Kent County Road Commission.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the reconstruction on Oak Cliff Drive and Knapp Court in 2010. Funds for the projects will be from the Improving Revolving Fund to be paid back in 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

The Building Committee met and discussed maintenance for the Township office building. The Committee requests parking lot repairs and masonry repairs at a total project cost of \$83,585. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request for building maintenance for \$83,585. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael DeVries requested an additional \$4,193.75 for sprinkler heads for the court pedestrian plaza project. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the additional \$4,193.75. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LOCAL ROAD PROJECTS.

Michael DeVries will bring budget amendments for the Board to consider at a future Township Board meeting.

8. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF DANA WOOLDRIDGE AS PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER.

Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz, notified the Board of the resignation of Paid-on-call Firefighter Dana Wooldrige, effective April 2, 2010. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to accept the resignation of Dana Wooldrige. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REQUEST FOR USE OF ROW FOR REEDS LAKE TRIATHLON.

A request was received from the City of East Grand Rapids for permission to use the right-of-way along M-37 and M-21 for the annual Reeds Lake Triathlon on September 11, 2010. Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request to use the right-of-way along M-37 and M-21 for the annual Reeds Lake Triathlon on September 11, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK REQUEST FOR OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT.

Michael DeVries informed the Board that the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park has submitted a schedule of outdoor events and is requesting an Outdoor Assembly Permit. This annual request meets all of the Outdoor Assembly permit requirements. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering,

moved to approve the Outdoor Assembly Permit as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK REQUEST FOR FIRE WORKS PERMIT FOR JUNE 4 AND AUGUST 7, 2010.

Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz, spoke to the Board regarding the request for fire works for two private gatherings on June 4 and August 7, 2010 at Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park. Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request for fire works as requested, subject to the recommendation of Robert Radakovitz. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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