

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
December 20, 2011**

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, and Lee VanPopering. Trustee Robert Roth was absent. 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,  
DECEMBER 6, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on December 6, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

**5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CORRECTION TO PREVIOUS BUDGET  
AMENDMENTS.**

Michael DeVries requested approval to correct Budget Amendments due to mathematical errors, as approved on August 2, 2011. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve Budget Amendment corrections as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND  
AMENDMENTS.**

Michael DeVries requested approval of 2011 General Fund Budget Amendments as follows:

- a. Increase inspection fee revenue by \$60,000.
- b. Increase election boards expenses by \$3,860.
- c. Increase ordinance enforcement expense by \$24,000
- d. Increase department 756 expenses by \$8,822.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the General Fund Budget Amendments as presented.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT RENEWAL.**

Michael DeVries requested consideration of a three year renewal of the snow plowing contract with Katerberg Verhage Landscaping in the amount of \$3,600 per year, plus salt.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the three year snow plowing contract with Katerberg Verhage Landscaping as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.**

Michael DeVries requested approval of the appointment of Stephen Stoddard and Charlene Boylen to renew four year terms on the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority Board.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS.** Janice Hulbert thanked the Board for years of cooperation and also for the beautiful retirement party.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were no Public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP