

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

January 3, 2012

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 Edward Robinette, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, 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, DECEMBER 20, 2011.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on December 20, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION OF PRE-DESIGN SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP HALL "REFRESH"

Supervisor DeVries requested input regarding a multi-year project to update the township hall and fire stations. The board requested Supervisor DeVries prepare an RFP and seek additional proposals.

5. REPORT OF SELECTION COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT.

Trustee Merchant gave a report on the committee's progress. The committee has received letters from interested citizens and will send out a questionnaire via e-mail. The committee will select applicants for personal interview and be ready to make a nomination to the board by February 7.

6. DISCUSSION OF 2012 CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS WATER/SEWER RATES.

The board discussed the 2012 water/sewer rates recently approved by the city commission.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN EMPLOYEE STATUS FOR JESSICA MARION.

Clerk Robinette requested a change of employee status for Jessica Marion from non-regular to regular part time status. Ms. Marion has completed her background check and is working in the clerk's office. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the status change. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO ELECTION COMMISSION.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved appointment of trustee Robert Roth to the Election Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no Public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP