

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 2, 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 comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 19, 2010.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on January 19, 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 CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for January 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CONSTRUCT TRAIL.**

Michael DeVries informed the Board that a \$3,000 donation was received from Jack Greiner for the construction of a trail at the property on Leonard at Crahen. The proposed trail would be a wood chip trail approximately 2,300 lineal feet long. The Township portion of the cost would be \$950.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the expenditure of \$3,950 for the construction of a trail at Leonard and Crahen. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF ROAD FUNDS FOR CRAHEN/BRADFORD IMPROVEMENT.**

The Kent County Road Commission has a road improvement project scheduled to lower the hill on Crahen at Bradford. To complete that project, the Township trail needs to be relocated east by approximately 14 feet. The Right of Way cost for that move is approximately \$3,600. The Kent County Road Commission has agreed to pay \$1,800 and requests the Township portion to be \$1,800.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the payment for Right of Way of \$1,800. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. REEDS LAKE TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.**

Michael DeVries reported that the plans and funding are in place to begin construction on Phase II of the Reeds Lake Trail.

**9. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Edward Robinette reported on the Personnel Committee meeting of February 2, 2010.

The Employee Handbook is being updated to include the following policy changes –  
Chapter 2.3 Require supplemental employment approval.  
Chapter 6 Paid time off changes for full-time and part-time employees

The proposed Employee Handbook will be sent back to the attorney for review and will be returned to the Township Board for approval.

2011 Budget considerations were discussed as follows:

- Job share positions
- Review of Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage
- Review of Life Insurance coverage
- Medical insurance premium co-pays and H S A contributions
- Employee compensation

**10. DISCUSSION OF RUPERT/LAMBERTON LAKE SIDEWALK.**

Michael DeVries requested consideration of sidewalk construction on Plainfield Avenue between Rupert Street and Lamberton Lake Drive. Construction of sidewalk to the north of this area from Rupert Street to Four Mile Road has been approved by the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority. This section of sidewalk would be at the Township cost of approximately \$25,000.

The discussion of the Board was that since this project was not included in the 2010 budget, it should be reviewed again at the 2011 budget time.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.