

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Absent were Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustee Rusty Merchant. There were 3 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, JANUARY 20, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on January 20, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for January 2009 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER 63rd DISTRICT COURT PLAZA PROJECT FOR SUBMITTAL TO KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Michael DeVries presented renderings of the proposed 63rd District Court Plaza Project and a cost outline to be submitted to Kent County Community Development Block Grant Program. There will be shared costs with Kent County Court; Township costs would be approximately \$35,000.

The project, which is barrier free, will connect the Court House, pathway, Township Park, and Knapp Corner.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the submittal to the Kent County Community Development Block Grant Program.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Hulbert, Merchant.

7. 1st READING OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS.

Edward Robinette presented the Grand Rapids Township Zoning Ordinances that the Planning Commission has forwarded for Amendment approval. The proposed amendments for the R-3 District chapter for Manufactured Housing has been forwarded to the Michigan Manufactured

Housing Commission for approval; once they have given approval the chapter will come before the Board for adoption.

Michael DeVries thanked the Planning Commission for staying on top of issues to keep the Zoning Ordinance current.

The amendments will now move to the February 17, 2009 Township Board meeting for approval consideration.

8. 2008 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Edward Robinette explained that changes to the Planning Enabling Act now require an annual report be submitted to the Township Board. The Planning Commission addressed four Rezoning requests, one Site Condo addition, eleven Special Land Use requests, two Master Plan Amendments, and several Text Amendments for the Zoning Ordinance. The Site Plan Review Committee had twelve projects presented to them.

9. 2008 YEAR END FUND REVIEW.

Michael DeVries presented the 2008 year end balances for the following funds.

- EAST BELTLINE FUND - \$1,528
- COURT HOUSE ENDOWMENT FUND - \$151,983
- STREET LIGHT FUND - \$5,073
- LAKES FUND - \$17,141
- IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND - \$2,880,875

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP