

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 18, 2008**

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, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were 7 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, MARCH 4, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the minutes as submitted. 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 ORDINANCE #463 FOR ADOPTION, VILLAGE OF ORCHARD HILLS AMENDMENT.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to adopt Ordinance #463, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 1 in Village of Orchard Hills Planned Unit Development).

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE LEGAL COUNSEL TO PREPARE DOCUMENTS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE 7 YEAR RENEWAL FOR NOVEMBER 2008 ELECTION.

Michael DeVries explained the request to plan the public safety millage as a renewal of the current levied .7893 mil rate for seven years. The request would be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot where the greatest number of township residents could participate. The seven year renewal would coincide with the presidential election year cycle.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to authorize legal counsel to prepare documents for a public safety millage seven year renewal to be placed on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT DISTRIBUTION RESOLUTION.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the attached RESOLUTION APPROVING DISTRIBUTION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR FUTURE USE, DEVELOPMENT AND PRESERVATION OF LANDS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE OWNERSHIP TRANSFER, APPLEBEE'S

A request was received to transfer ownership of the 2007 Resort Class C Liquor License from Applebee's of Michigan, Inc. to Applebee's Restaurants Mid-Atlantic LLC.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the attached resolution to approve the requested transfer of liquor license. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR MINOR CHANGES TO KENT COUNTY PROPERTY SALE: ADDITIONAL EASEMENT.

Kent County has requested a change to the East Beltline access easement at the property approved for the sale and use of the proposed 63rd District Court building.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the attached RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DECLARATION OF EASEMENTS. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DAVID BECKER'S RESIGNATION AND ASSESSING CONSULTING SERVICES.

A letter was received from David Becker announcing his resignation as Grand Rapids Township Assessor on March 21, 2008.

The Personnel Committee approved a request from Michael DeVries to hire David Becker as a consultant to assist with the transition in the assessing office. The agreement would be for April, May and June 2008 at \$2950 per month.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to accept the resignation of David Becker and approve the request to hire Mr. Becker as a consultant for the months of April, May and June 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ANNIE SPITLER'S RESIGNATION AS DEPUTY TREASURER.

The Board agreed to the request from Michael DeVries to add this item to the March 18, 2008 Agenda.

Chris Afendoulis announced that he has received the resignation of Annie Spitler as Deputy Treasurer effective March 28, 2008. He stated that he will work toward filling the vacancy in the Treasurer's office. He requested permission, if necessary, to use temporary help during the search.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the resignation of Annie Spitler and approve the request from Chris Afendoulis to hire, if necessary, temporary help during the search. Motion passed unanimously.

11. BOARD COMMENTS.

There were no Board comments.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP