

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 15, 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, and Lee VanPopering. Trustee James Saalfeld was absent. There were 14 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

Michael DeVries requested permission to add an item to this meeting agenda: Job description changes and permission to advertise for position. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request. Motion approved unanimously.

3. JOB DESCRIPTION CHANGES AND PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE FOR POSITION.

Chris Afendoulis presented a proposed job description for Administrative Assistant. The description was previously titled Property Tax Office Assistant. The position is a part-time position reporting to the Treasurer/Deputy Treasurer. The position is currently open.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the job description of Administrative Assistant as presented and approve advertising for that position. Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, APRIL 1, 2008.

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

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DEPUTY TREASURER SALARY INCREASE.

Chris Afendoulis explained to the Board that, after the resignation of the Deputy Treasurer on March 28, 2008, Susan Cady was appointed Deputy Treasurer. Because of her additional responsibilities, Chris Afendoulis is requesting a salary increase to \$14.75 effective from March 31, 2008.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for a salary increase as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2008 MEIJER GARDENS OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT.

Michael DeVries presented a request from Meijer Gardens for their annual Summer Concert Series. He stated that this request has met the Outdoor Assembly Permit requirements.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve an Outdoor Assembly Permit for Meijer Gardens 2008 Summer Concert Series. Motion passed unanimously.

8. SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE.

Assessing Department:

The Assessing Department is preparing a plan for the vacancy in that department.

State Legislation:

“Pop-up Tax” is being considered in Lansing and could be a serious problem for local governments.

Kent County Road Commission:

The Kent County Road Commission has allocated funds for road repairs due to winter damage. Grand Rapids Township may consider contributing additional funds to make more long-term repairs to those roads.

Michael DeVries welcomed the Gerald R. Ford Boy Scout Troop 367. A question and answer time was opened. The following guests asked questions about Grand Rapids Township issues:

Alex Baker, 2909 Canyonside Ct NE
Scott Bradley, 3068 Crisfield NE
Ricky Conklin, 1803 Rupert NE
Ethan Jannenga, 1049 Evelyn St NE
Alex Hoffman, 3455 Mason Ridge Dr NE
David Hoffman, 3455 Mason Ridge Dr NE
Mark Baker, 2909 Canyonside Ct NE

The Board thanked the Boy Scout Troop for attending the meeting and asking interesting questions.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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