

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 17, 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 and Lee VanPopering. Trustees Robert Roth and Dave Van Dyke were absent. There were four people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to amend the agenda to add item 9, to consider an invoice submitted for planning services. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,
APRIL 3, 2012.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of April 3, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. FIRST QUARTER 2012 BUDGET REVIEW AND TRANSFER AUTHORIZATION

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the following transfers from the General Fund:

- a) \$362,000 to the Improvement Revolving Fund
- b) \$6,000 to the East Beltline Gateway Partnership Fund
- c) \$12,000 to the Pathways Fund

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Van Popering

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth, Van Dyke

Motion Passed.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

The 2012 General Fund Budget included \$380,000 to transfer to other funds: \$6000 to the East Beltline Gateway Partnership Fund, \$12,000 to the Pathways Fund, and \$368,000 to the Improvement Revolving Fund. The \$368,000 amount was in error by \$6000 excess. Supervisor DeVries asked to amend the budget by adjusting line item 246-000-998 to \$362,000, which now matches the intent to transfer a total of \$380,000 from the General Fund.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the budget amendment.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, and Van Popering

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth, Van Dyke

Motion Passed

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO PURCHASE FIRE EQUIPMENT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved approval of the request as presented in the amount of \$11,748. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIP HALL BUILDING REPAIR.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the bid of \$3335.00 by the S.A. Morman Co. for replacement of 3 exterior steel doors on the Township Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO TOWNSHIP BURN ORDINANCE.

Public Safety Director Robert Radakovitz presented a draft of proposed changes to the Township Ordinance to allow for recreational fires. A discussion was held, and an Ordinance will be prepared for a future meeting.

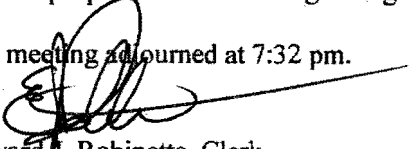
9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INVOICE FOR PLANNING SERVICES

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of paying the invoice for Planning Services as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Residents Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Davis of 3500 4 Mile NE spoke regarding the proposed Ordinance regulating recreational fires.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.


Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP