

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 15, 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, Lee VanPopering, Robert Roth and Dave Van Dyke. There were five people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,
MAY 1, 2012**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of May 1, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID

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

5. KENT COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT

Commissioner Saalfeld was unable to attend the meeting and will give his report at a future meeting.

6. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 486 FOR ADOPTION.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved adoption of Ordinance 486. A Roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke.

Nays: Van Popering

Absent: None

Motion is approved.

7. CONSIDER CHANGE TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT STATUS FOR THE DEPUTY CLERK.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the change in employment status, effective June 1, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

8 CONSIDER SALARY INCREASE FOR THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of a mid-year salary increase for the Township Assessor in the amount of \$115.00 per pay period beginning with the June 25, 2012 pay cycle. Motion passes unanimously.

9 CONSIDER OF THE RESOLUTION TO DEFER CERTAIN TAXES.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012 ROAD PROJECTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the road projects as presented. This item was tabled at the May 1, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the following budget amendments:

General Fund Budget Revenue line item #101-000-576 State Sales Tax from \$1,110,000 to \$1,236,000.

General Fund Budget Expense line item #101-445-810 Road Construction from \$200,000 to \$326,000.

A Roll Call Vote was called:

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke, Van Popering.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DESIGN AND ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE OFFICE REMODEL PROJECT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of hiring Concept Design Group to oversee the design and engineering of the office remodel project. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. Rusty Merchant gave the board an update on pending legislation in Lansing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Mr. William Gill of 3411 Eagle Creek Ct. voiced his concerns with the new Recreational Fires ordinance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.