

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 2, 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, Clerk Janice Hulbert, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were four 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, MAY 19, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on May 19, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

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

6. KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTATION.

The Kent District Library Annual Report was presented to the Board. Martha Smart, Library Director, Charles Fry, KDL Trustee representing Grand Rapids Township and East Grand Rapids, and David Stracke, Plainfield Branch Manager, spoke and answered questions regarding KDL.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HIRING TEMPORARY ASSESSING STAFF.

Michael DeVries presented a request from Robin Rothley to hire 3 temporary assessing staff at \$8.00 per hour.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to hire Thomas Lilly as a temporary assessing staff at \$8.00 per hour. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CARNOUSTIE CUL-DE-SAC ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST.

A request was received from The Vineyards neighborhood for the closure of the Carnoustie cul-de-sac for their annual block party on June 20, 2009.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for road closure of the Carnoustie cul-de-sac on June 20, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Michael DeVries requested consideration of a Kent County Road Commission project on Leffingwell, south of Three Mile Road. He presented a report of expenses.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve \$93,500 for the Kent County Road project on Leffingwell, south of Three Mile Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael DeVries reported that the Kent Conservation request for the Michigan Energy Corps Program grant is not available to Grand Rapids Township as requested by the Board on May 6, 2009.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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