

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 3, 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 Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Trustee Rusty Merchant was absent. There were 12 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Supervisor Michael DeVries requested approval to add item 5B to this meeting agenda: Consider approval of Kara Ronda for the Administrative Assistant position in the Treasurer's Department. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the addition of item 5B to the June 3, 2008 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chuck Geenen and Doug DeKock from Geenen DeKock Properties, spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan amendment.

Mark Buddy and Gary Henshel from Redstone Group, spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan amendment.

Doug Kochneff, property owner of 4545 and 4551 Cascade Road and 877 Forest Hill Ave, spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan amendment.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, May 20, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on May 20, 2008. 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.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF KARA RONDA FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

Chris Afendoulis submitted a request to hire Kara Ronda for the Administrative Assistant position in the Treasurer's Department. The position was advertised and several applications were received. After review of the resumes and interviews with applicants,

the request is to hire Kara Ronda. The rate of pay will be \$12 per hour. Her start date will be June 10, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to hire Kara Ronda as Administrative Assistant. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2007 GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT.

Michael DeVries reminded the Board that this item was tabled at the last Township Board meeting, May 20, 2008. Planning Commission minutes regarding this issue were presented.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (Change O Designation to NC-PUD Designation, Lands at 4450 and 4590 Cascade Road and 947 Forest Hill Avenue)

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Robinette
Nays: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Saalfeld, VanPopering
Absent: Merchant

Michael DeVries stated that he will send a letter to the Planning Commission regarding the action taken by the Board on this amendment request.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JOINT PURCHASE OF A SPEED TRAILER FOR KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, requesting the joint purchase of a speed trailer.

Ada, Cascade and Grand Rapids Townships propose to purchase a speed trailer to be dedicated for use in the East Precinct. This purchase would make monitoring and enforcing speed more efficient.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the joint purchase of a speed trailer with the Township share no more than \$2,300. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP