

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 17, 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, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were 5 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, June 3, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on June 3, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO DEFER WITHOUT PENALTY CERTAIN TAXES.

A resolution to defer without penalty summer tax payments to qualifying taxpayers was presented. This request is an annual request.

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2009.

Each year, the Board must determine the property tax millage that will be levied on the December tax bills for the following year's operations.

Michael DeVries presented his recommendations as follows:

Maintain the 1.5995 levy which is .75 mills for voter approved Operating and .8495 mills for voter approved Public Safety.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the L-4029 2008 Tax Rate Request Form using the 1.5995 levy.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering.
NAYS: None.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EASEMENT RELEASE AGREEMENT.

Michael DeVries reported that the Maryland sanitary sewer, serving the westerly golden triangle area of Grand Rapids Township, is in need of rebuilding. It was built in the drainage easement over 65 years ago. The new sanitary sewer will be built in an adjusted location in close proximity to the drainage easement.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION THEREOF (Maryland Avenue, East Fulton Street, et al.). Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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