

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JUNE 16, 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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Clerk Janice Hulbert was absent. There were three 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, JUNE 2, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on June 2, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

4a. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

4b. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF LEFFINGWELL BIKE PATH.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the authorization of the Kent County Road Commission to construct a bike trail on Leffingwell Avenue from Orchard View Elementary School to Winesap Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEFERMENT OF TAX PAYMENTS.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the Resolution to defer, without penalty, tax payments for qualified taxpayers. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HIRE TEMPORARY ASSESSING PERSONNEL.

At the June 2, 2009 Township Board meeting, Michael DeVries presented a request from Robin Rothley, Township Assessor, to hire three temporary assessing staff at \$8.00 per hour. One was approved at that meeting.

Robin Rothley now requests approval to hire as temporary assessing staff, Jill Genzink and Matt Holland.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the hiring of Jill Genzink and Matt Holland as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE MEIJER GARDENS 2009 CONCERT SCHEDULE.

Michael DeVries presented a request from Meijer Gardens to add one additional concert on August 6, 2009 to their 2009 Summer Concert Outdoor Assembly Permit.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the addition of one concert to the Meijer Gardens 2009 Summer Concert Outdoor Assembly Permit. Motion passed unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF 2009 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY FOR 2010 OPERATION.

Michael DeVries reported that the Grand Rapids Township taxable rate declined \$1,516,100, which equates to a decline in Grand Rapids Township property tax revenue of \$2,425 for 2010.

Michael DeVries requested authorization to maintain the Grand Rapids Township tax levy for 2009 at the current 1.5993 mil rate.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to authorize the 2009 tax levy at 1.5993 mil. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PLAINFIELD AVENUE SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF FUNDS BY KENT COUNTY.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the Resolution requesting a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$30,000. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP