

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 6, 2010**

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, Trustees Rusty Merchant, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Trustee Edward Robinette was absent. There were six 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 15, 2010.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on June 15, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for June, 2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. GLOBAL FOREX PRESENTATION.

Tim Gort, Global Forex, spoke to the Board about the work of Global Forex in Grand Rapids Township and worldwide. He briefly explained their business of currency trading, their financial contribution to Grand Rapids Township and employment opportunities for the community.

7. GLOBAL FOREX PUBLIC HEARING.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the Global Forex request to amend an approved PUD-4, Office PUD, to allow for an addition to their parking lot. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Cooper, Global Forex, spoke about the request for the amendment.

Diane Cooper, 4242 Baywood SE, Grand Rapids Michigan, asked to see the plans regarding placement of trees.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

8. GLOBAL FOREX PUD AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 476, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 3 of Forest Hills Office Park Planned Unit Development – Global Futures & Forex, Ltd.).

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Saalfeld, VanPopering
NAYES: None

9. YMCA OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY PERMIT CONSIDERATION.

Southeast YMCA requested an Outdoor Assembly Permit for a family camping overnight event on June 10-11, 2010, 6pm - 9pm at the Southeast YMCA, 730 Forest Hill Avenue.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request from the Southeast YMCA for an Outdoor Assembly Permit, subject to the final approval of Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz. Motion passed unanimously.

10. RESOLUTION CONSIDERATION FOR VINEYARDS BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE.

A letter was received from Christina McGuire requesting permission to close Calais Ct. on July 24, 2010 from 3pm - 10pm for their annual neighborhood block party.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for road closure as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF GVMC RESOLUTION.

A letter was received from Grand Valley Metro Council requesting consideration of a resolution to approve Amendment No. 35, To Remove Jamestown Township As A Member.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT NO. 35 IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF GRAND VALLEY METROPOLITAN COUNCIL.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Saalfeld

NAYES: VanPopering

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HIRE PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER.

A letter was received from Director of Public Safety Robert Radakovitz, recommending the approval to hire Anson Boyer as a paid on call firefighter.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request to hire Anson Boyer as a paid on call firefighter. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP