

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JULY 15, 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 4 people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Public comments were accepted.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, JULY 1, 2008.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on July 1, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Election Commission meeting of July 15, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #464 – VIDEO PROVIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.**

Ordinance # 464 was presented.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve Ordinance # 464 – VIDEO PROVIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.

Ayes: All. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #465 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 1 of 1144 East Paris Avenue NC-PUD).**

Proposed Ordinance # 465 will be considered for adoption at the next regularly scheduled Township Board meeting on August 6, 2008.

**8. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE #466 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Rezoning of Lands at 4081 Cascade Road to C District - James Schumar).**

Proposed Ordinance # 466 will be considered for adoption at the next regularly scheduled Township Board meeting on August 6, 2008.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ASSESSING AGREEMENT WITH PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP.**

Michael DeVries presented the PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT.

Grand Rapids Township is in a transition period with changes in the Assessing Department. Until those changes are in place, it will be necessary to have some assistance from a certified assessor.

This agreement would permit assistance from Plainfield Township Assessing Department to Grand Rapids Township Assessing Department and use of an Assessor Level III when required.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT, subject to final review by Grand Rapids Township Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP HALL SIGN REPAINTING EXPENDITURE.**

Michael DeVries presented a proposal from Design Edge Sign Company for the repainting of the Township sign at 1836 East Beltline.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the proposal from Design Edge Sign Company for the repainting of the Township sign at the cost of \$815. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. DISCUSSION OF BIKE TRAIL STATUS.**

Michael DeVries reported that the Leonard/Crahen/Forest Hill trail is almost completed. It was noted that the trail is already being used regularly.

A proposal for marking signs on the Township trails is being prepared. It will be presented to the Board at a later meeting.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Board comments were accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.