

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no comments from the audience.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to add Item 13 to the agenda: Resignation of Paid on Call Firefighter. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, JULY 21, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on July 21, 2009. 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.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of July 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PROPOSED ORDINANCES – FIRST READING.

- a) Proposed Ordinance #470 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 2 in Celadon New Town Planned Unit Development)
- b) Proposed Ordinance #471 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 2 of Terrazzo of East Paris (formerly East Paris Retail Center) NC-PUD)

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF \$14,500 FOR THE 63RD DISTRICT COURT PLAZA PLANS AND BID DOCUMENTS.

A letter was received from Robert Bruggink, Moore & Bruggink, Inc., explaining the landscape project for the 63rd District Court. The project report included the cost sharing with Kent County and grant opportunities. Process, project budget and project schedule were all presented.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve \$14,500 to complete construction changes and bid documents for the 63rd District Court plaza project. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION OF VINEYARDS NEIGHBORHOOD REQUEST FOR ROAD CLOSURE.

A letter was received from Christina McGuire, 240 Calais Ct. SE, requesting road closure of the Carnoustie cul-d-sac on August 29, 2009 from 3 pm to 10 pm for a neighborhood block party. Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request for road closure as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO REVOKE THE INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR USF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, INC.

USF Technology Services Inc. was granted an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate on July 21, 2003. They moved their operations from 630 Kenmoor SE, Grand Rapids Township, on February 9, 2007 and are no longer in Grand Rapids Township.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve a resolution to revoke the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for USF Technology Services Inc. and request the Michigan State Tax Commission to do the same. Motion passed unanimously.

10. 2009 MID YEAR PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT – DIRECTOR RADAKOVITZ.

Robert Radakovitz presented reports for police, EMS and fire calls for Grand Rapids Township during January – June 2009. Mr. Radakovitz explained the reports and answered questions regarding the reports.

11. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY.

A letter was received from the Vietnam Veterans of America requesting Grand Rapids Township to observe Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day on Friday September 18, 2009.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the resolution, PRISONER OF WAR-MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY. Motion passed unanimously.

12. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOGNITION OF SERVICE FOR MICHAEL FULLER.

Michael Fuller resigned from the Planning Commission on July 1, 2009. Township Board members signed a certificate of appreciation for Michael Fuller for service on the Planning Commission for 13 years.

13. RESIGNATION OF PAID ON CALL FIRE FIGHTER.

A letter of resignation was presented by Robert Radakovitz for paid on call fire fighter Ben Jachim, effective August 3, 2009.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to accept the resignation of Ben Jachim. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Rusty Merchant presented a memorandum explaining proposed park improvements. He will bring specific requests for purchase at a later meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP