

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 3 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Jim Koetje, candidate for Kent County Circuit Judge, spoke to the Board.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 19, 2008.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on August 19, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Edward Robinette, 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 Edward Robinette, moved to approve the cash disbursements for August 2008 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PRESENTATION OF 2009 PRELIMINARY BUDGET.

Michael DeVries presented the proposed 2009 budgets for review. He requested comments and corrections before the public hearing on the budget.

7. SCHEDULE THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP 2009 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 21, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to schedule October 21, 2008 for the Grand Rapids Township 2009 Budget Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS.

Michael DeVries requested consideration for appointment to the Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission for a three year term for Wayne Harrall and Stephen Fry. He also requested appointment for Edward Robinette to coincide with his term of office as Grand Rapids Township Trustee.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to appoint Wayne Harrall, Stephen Fry and Edward Robinette to the Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS.

Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, submitted a letter requesting permission to hire paid-on-call firefighters. Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request to hire paid-on-call firefighters. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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