

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
September 7, 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, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were approximately twenty-five 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, AUGUST 17, 2010.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on August 17, 2010. 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 FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of August 2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 477, Amendment No. 3 in Celadon New Town Planned Unit Development.**

Public comments were taken regarding the application of Mosaic Properties, Inc. for several amendments to the approved PUD-5 Community Service Planned Unit Development District.

William Bohr, 2227 New Town Drive NE, stated that he was opposed to the proposed changes.

Mike Dyer, 2215 New Town Drive NE, stated that he was opposed to the proposed changes.

Judy Bullock, 2227 New Town Drive NE, stated that she was opposed to the proposed changes.

Brad Rottschafer, Mosaic Properties, stated that he was willing to take the request for Lot 3 to be used as a two-dwelling-unit condominium building and have it remain as a single family dwelling.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to table this issue until later at this meeting. Motion passed.

Michael DeVries requested the audience in attendance for the Public Hearing to meet with Brad Rottschafer and return later during this Board meeting.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN.**

Edward Robinette reported for the Personnel Committee.

- Request to hire Jennifer Waldrep as a Temporary Employee.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to hire Jennifer Waldrep as a Temporary Employee. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request to approve FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request to continue the annual gift for employees with 5 – 10- 15 – 20 etc. years of service.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to continue the practice of annual employee gift for years of service. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 478. – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendments in Chapter 13 – Planned Unit Developments – Township Board Public Hearing on PUDs).**

This ordinance will be considered for adoption on September 21, 2010.

**9. CONSIDER REQUEST TO HIRE PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTERS.**

Michael DeVries reported to the Board that there have been some vacancies in the Paid on Call Firefighters.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request to authorize the Director of Public Safety to hire additional Paid on Call firefighters. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FOR SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE REGARDING COUGER ATHLETIC TRAIL, 2770 KNAPP STREET, GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP.**

A request for a one day Beer and Wine license was received from Catholic Central High School. They will be holding their Annual Community Cougar Fest on September 25, 2010.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the request as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 477.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to remove from the table Proposed Ordinance No. 477. Motion passed unanimously.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve Ordinance 477, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 3 in Celadon New Town Planned Unit Development).

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Saalfeld,  
VanPopering

Nays: None

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Michael DeVries requested Board members to contact him with information regarding the Joint Meeting of the Township Board and the Planning Commission. He will communicate with the Planning Commission regarding the Board ideas.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP