

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
September 20, 2011**

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 and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, Robert Roth and Lee VanPopering. Clerk Janice Hulbert was absent. There were two people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Supervisor DeVries requested permission to amend the agenda to add – Approve Incumbent Candidates for the MML Board and Award Employee Gift Certificates. Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve amending the agenda as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011.**

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on September 6, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

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

**5. APPROVE INCUMBENT CANDIDATES FOR THE MML BOARD.**

Robert Roth, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to authorize the Supervisor to approve the incumbent candidates for the Michigan Municipal League Board. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. AWARD EMPLOYEE GIFT CERTIFICATES.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to award gift certificates, as it has been done in the past, for employees who have reached 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 years of service to Grand Rapids Township. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMAND VEHICLE.**

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, requesting authorization to purchase, in an amount not to exceed \$36,000, a command vehicle to replace the current command vehicle. Ownership of the current vehicle will be

transferred to Rockford Ambulance as agreed in the Addendum to the Ambulance Service Agreement.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the purchase of a command vehicle as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HIRE ADDITIONAL PAID-ON-CALL FIRE PERSONNEL.**

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, requesting authorization to hire up to five paid-on-call firefighters from now until December 31, 2011.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request to hire up to five paid-on-call firefighters as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. SUPERVISOR UPDATES.**

- a. Contractual planner begins work.

David Pasquale has started working for Grand Rapids Township.

- b. Parks and Recreation Committee work.

The Recreation Committee discussed the renaming of the Doezema Farm and the Dykema sand pit to possibly Forest Hills Park, as well as renaming Grand Rapids Charter Township to Forest Hills Charter Township.

- c. Budget process update.

Supervisor DeVries reported that he is working on the 2012 budget.

**BOARD COMMENTS.** There were no Board comments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were no Public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
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