

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 21, 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, and Lee VanPopering. Trustee James Saalfeld was absent. There were two 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on September 7, 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. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to open the Public Hearing regarding zoning ordinance text amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER ADOPTON OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 478, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment in Chapter 13 – Planned Unit Developments – Township Board Public Hearing on PUDs)

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to adopt Ordinance No. 478.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Saalfeld

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 4th AMENDMENT OF WATER/SEWER CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Edward Robinette spoke regarding the reasons for this amendment with the City of Grand Rapids. He explained that this amendment would allow for three year rate smoothing to alleviate large annual fluctuation in water/sewer billing rates.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the 4th AMENDMENT OF WATER/SEWER CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 27 FIREWORKS DISPLAY REGARDING SUNSHINE CHURCH.

A letter was received from Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, recommending approval of a request from Sunshine Church to conduct a fireworks display on Wednesday, October 27, 2010

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

9. REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to amend the agenda to add the next two items. Motion passed unanimously.

- Request for computer for the Planning and Assessing Departments.

A letter was received from Bob Versluys, Facilities Manager, requesting a new laptop computer to be used by the Planning and Assessing Departments.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the purchase of a laptop computer at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Motion approved unanimously.

- Building repairs.

A letter was received from the Facilities Manager requesting approval of building repairs and maintenance to be done by John Potter Inc. at a cost of \$14,590.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the repairs by John Potter Inc. at a cost of \$14,590. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael DeVries reported on the Building Committee's suggestions for future repairs and maintenance.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP