

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
October 4, 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, Clerk Janice Hulbert, Trustees Edward Robinette, Robert Roth and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustee Rusty Merchant were absent. There were twelve people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

A Boy Scout group attended the meeting and introduced themselves to the Board.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on September 20, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of September, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

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

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP TAX LEVY.**

Michael DeVries presented the 2011 Tax Rate Request as .75 for general operating and .8495 for Public Safety, with a total of 1.5995.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the 2011 Tax Rate Request as presented.

AYES: DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering

NAYS: None

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR ADVANTAGE HEALTH.**

The Grand Rapids Township Planning Commission approved sign changes at the September 27, 2011 meeting, for the addition of "urgent care" sign wording at the Advantage Health building and property at 1471 East Beltline NE.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL SIGN AREA (1471 East Beltline – Advantage Health/Windcrest Planned Unit Development).

AYES: DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering  
NAYS: None

**8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF TUCK POINTING AND BRICK SEALING OF TOWNSHIP HALL.**

Michael DeVries requested authorization to tuck point and seal the brick on the Township Hall as recommended by the Building Committee. A proposal from John W. Potter for the project was presented with a total project cost of \$14,590.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the project as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF ADDITION TO EAST BELTLINE LANDSCAPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

Michael DeVries requested a transfer of \$11,500 from the General Fund to the East Beltline Fund to replace the removed trees on the East Beltline from I-96 south to Lake Drive.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the request for transfer of \$11,500 from the General Fund to the East Beltline Fund. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. 2011 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REPORT.**

The 2011 Grand Rapids Township Third Quarter Budget Report was presented.

**BOARD COMMENTS.**

Janice Hulbert announced that she will retire as Grand Rapids Township Clerk on December 31, 2011. A letter of resignation was received.

Janice Hulbert notified the Board that she has received a retirement notice from Janice Satterlee, Secretary to the Clerk, effective December 31, 2011.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
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