

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 18, 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 Chris Afendoulis, Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, Robert Roth and Lee VanPopering. 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, October 4, 2011.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on October 4, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT EDWARD ROBINETTE TO CLERK'S POSITION.

Michael DeVries informed the Board that Trustee Edward Robinette has agreed to take the position of Township Clerk beginning January 1, 2012. He will be paid \$1200 per month for November and December 2011 for the additional responsibilities that include necessary training and orientation.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to appoint Edward Robinette as Township Clerk beginning January 1, 2012 and pay \$1200 for November and December 2011 as compensation for training.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering

NAYS: None

6. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF DAVE PASQUALE AS GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE ON GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEES.

Michael DeVries requested consideration to appoint David Pasquale as Grand Rapids Township representative on Grand Valley Metro Council Tech and Policy Committees. Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the appointment. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF \$500 LEGAL EXPENDITURE TO APPEAL CONSUMERS ENERGY RATE HIKE.

A letter was received from Michigan Townships Association regarding another general rate increase request from Consumers Energy on June 10, 2011 to be effective on approximately December 10, 2011. A coalition of townships and cities has decided to intervene in this proceeding. MTA is requesting participation in this rate case.

Rusty Merchant requested permission to abstain from this vote because Consumers Power is a client. Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to grant permission for Rusty Merchant to abstain from this vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the expenditure of \$500 to participate in this case. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM APPROVAL.

The Planning Commission held a public informational meeting concerning the site condominium plan of The Preserve at Arbor Hills on October 11. The Commission members recommended that the Township Board approve the final preliminary site condominium plan.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN OF THE PRESERVE AT ARBOR HILLS.

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

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011 GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

2011 Budget Amendments were presented to the Board as follows:

General Fund

General Fund Transfer In	Change \$15,000
Clerk Department	Change \$4,097
Treasurer Department	Change \$11,749
Assessing Department	Change \$9,270
Building Department	Change \$18,000
Police Department	Change - \$70,500
Ordinance Enforcement Department	Change \$24,000
General Fund Transfer Out	Change \$14,000

East Beltline Fund

Transfer In	Change \$14,000
Maintenance	Change \$14,000

Pathway Fund

Maintenance	Change \$600
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Street Light Fund

Transfer Out	Change \$20,100
Lakes Management Fund	
Echo Lake	Change - \$1,500
Hidden Lake	Change \$2,806
Perch Lake	Change \$4,663
Improvement Revolving Fund	
Knapp Court Project	Change \$3,148
Plainfield Corridor Fund	
Tax Capture Revenue	Change - \$1,950
Public Works Expense	Change - \$500

Robert Roth, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the Budget Amendments as presented.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering

NAYS: None

10. PRESENTATION OF 2012 HEALTH INSURANCE COST ANALYSIS.

Michael DeVries reviewed the 2012 health insurance costs for Grand Rapids Township.

11. PRESENTATION OF 2012 GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET.

Michael DeVries presented the proposed 2012 Grand Rapids Township Budget.

12. SCHEDULE 2012 GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2011.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to schedule a Public Hearing on November 1, 2011 for the 2012 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no Public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP