

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 19, 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 four 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 5, 2010.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on October 5, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Edward Robinette reported that the Personnel Committee met on October 19, 2010 at 6:45 pm, prior to this Township Board meeting. The Personnel Committee reviewed reports that the work in the Planning Office has decreased. The Committee recommends that the hours of the Planner be reduced at the discretion of the Supervisor according to the needs of the Township as of January 1, 2011. The pay for the Planner is to be computed as a percentage of the current full-time salary.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. November 3, 2010 – 2011 Grand Rapids Township Budget.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to set the 2011 Grand Rapids Township Budget Public Hearing on November 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

b. November 16, 2010 – Grand Rapids Township Residential and Commercial Street Light Special Assessment District.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to set the Grand Rapids Township Residential and Commercial Street Light Special Assessment District Public Hearing on November 16, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

a. Grand Rapids Charter Township EDC – Staggered Terms.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the attached RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT OF EDC DIRECTORS. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Grand Rapids Charter Township PACIA – 4 year term.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the appointment of John Clark as a member of the PACIA for a four year term. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Grand Rapids Charter Township – Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 year term.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the appointment of Greg Timmer as Alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a two year term. Motion passed unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS. Board comments were accepted.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Philip Bednarek, 3851 Keewanaw NE, spoke to the Board regarding proposed changes in the City of Grand Rapids water system ordinances.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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