

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2009**

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 and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Attorney Teresa Decker was also present. There were three people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no comments from the audience.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 6, 2009.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on October 6, 2009. 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. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.**

**a. Plainfield Avenue Sidewalk Construction.**

At the regular Township Board meeting on June 16, 2009, the following was recorded:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PLAINFIELD AVENUE  
SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF FUNDS BY  
KENT COUNTY.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the Resolution  
requesting a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$30,000.  
Motion passed unanimously.

A revised resolution to the resolution approved on June 16, 2009 was presented. The revised resolution states that the request is for a Community Development Block Grant – Recovery.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the revised Resolution requesting a Community Development Block Grant – Recovery in the amount of \$30,000. Motion passed unanimously.

**b. 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court Pedestrian Plaza.**

A resolution was presented requesting Community Development Grant funds in the amount of \$38,406.13, to improve accessibility by providing a pedestrian plaza to serve the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court and Grand Rapids Township Hall.

James Saalfeld, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the Resolution requesting a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$38,406.13. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WATER/SEWER CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS.**

Michael DeVries presented EXTENSION TO WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the AGREEMENT and authorize signatures for a five year water and sewer contract extension with the City of Grand Rapids, subject to dissolution of the Urban Cooperation Board. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SCHEDULE 2010 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2009.**

Michael DeVries gave the Board copies of the 2010 Proposed Budget.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to schedule the 2010 Grand Rapids Township Budget Hearing for November 3, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. FIRST READING OF NORTH KENT SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE.**

- a.** Proposed Ordinance No. 472, AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE CONNECTION TO AND USE OF THE NORTH KENT SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF.

This proposed ordinance will be considered for adoption on November 3, 2009.

- b.** Michael DeVries presented RESOLUTION APPROVING AMENDMENT TO SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION THEREOF.

This is Amendment No. 1 to Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement (November 6, 2008).

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the RESOLUTION as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.**

At 7:10 pm, Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to go to executive session to discuss legal matters. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:31 pm, the Board reconvened.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the Consent Judgment with George T. Krupp and Dawn I. Krupp, subject to Grand Rapids Township Supervisor and Township legal counsel's review of exhibits to the Consent Judgment for compliance with the Consent Judgment.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Board comments were accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP