

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2008**

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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were 5 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 7, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on October 7, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF ELECTION COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the minutes of the Election Commission meeting of October 7, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2009 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGETS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2009 Grand Rapids Township Budgets.

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

NAYS: None

The 2009 Grand Rapids Township budgets were presented.

There were no public comments regarding the 2009 budgets.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to close the Public Hearing.

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

NAYS: None

7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2009 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET RESOLUTION.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to adopt the GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2009 BUDGET RESOLUTION as attached.

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

NAYS: None

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve the RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEVY OF AN "ADDITIONAL MILLAGE RATE" as attached.

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

NAYS: None

8. REPORT TO GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD REGARDING MEIJER GARDENS CONCERT COMPLAINTS.

At a Township Board meeting on August 19, 2008, neighbors of Meijer Gardens spoke to the Board requesting assistance with their problems with the noise level from the concerts at Meijer Gardens. The Board appointed Michael DeVries and James Saalfeld to research the Planning Commission and Township Board regulations regarding concerts at Meijer Gardens.

Michael DeVries and James Saalfeld presented REPORT TO THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD REGARDING CITIZEN COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEIJER GARDENS CONCERTS as attached.

James Saalfeld gave a summary of the report and recommendations.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the recommendations as presented by Michael DeVries and James Saalfeld. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER CERTIFYING DELINQUENT SEWER/WATER BILLS TO THE WINTER TAX ROLL

Sue Cady, Deputy Treasurer, submitted a list of delinquent sewer and water bills, requesting permission to attach those bills to the 2008 winter tax roll.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve certifying the attached delinquent sewer and water bills to the 2008 winter tax roll. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT COMMAND VEHICLE.

Bob Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, requested permission to order a new command vehicle, not to exceed \$30,000. The command vehicle will replace the current command vehicle which will go in service as the Medical Response Unit, as agreed in the Addendum to the Ambulance Service Agreement. Ownership of the current vehicle will be transferred to Rockford Ambulance.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the purchase of a new command vehicle as requested, and transfer ownership of the current vehicle to Rockford Ambulance. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE WINDOW SHADES.

Bob Versluys, Facilities Manager, requested replacement of existing blinds in the offices to better control heat in the summer. Mr. Versluys recommends accepting the quote from The Shade Shop in the amount of \$4,060.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the purchase of blinds for the offices from The Shade Shop in the amount of \$4,060. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.