

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 1, 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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees 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 18, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on October 18, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of October 2011 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. PUBLIC HEARING: GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP 2012 BUDGET.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to open the Public Hearing on 2012 Grand Rapids Township Budget. Motion passed unanimously. There were no comments. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP 2012 BUDGET FOR ADOPTION.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2012 BUDGET RESOLUTION.

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

NAYS: None

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the 2012 Grand Rapids Township meeting and holiday schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2012 PAY CYCLE BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 26, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to begin the 2012 pay cycle on December 26, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED BEGINNING 12/1/11 THRU 12/31/11.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve payment of bills as they are received beginning 12/1/11 thru 12/31/11. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. REVIEW OF ASSESSING DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS.**

A memo was received from Assessor Robin Rothley regarding the 2011 Assessing Department Update.

Michael DeVries presented maps showing the progress of reassessing the Township.

**12. FIRST READING OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING SIGNAGE.**

Proposed Ordinance No. 484 was presented. Consideration for approval will be at the next regular Township Board meeting on November 15, 2011.

**13. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT.**

Edward Robinette reported on a Personnel Committee Meeting. After the previous Personnel Committee meeting, the Board had approved an increase in employee participation for health insurance from 13% to 15%. Since that meeting, the actual annual Township premium increase was reported at 24.5%. Because of that increase, the Committee suggests that employee participation should be 20% of the premium.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve an employee participation cost of 20% of the premium. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS.** There were no Board comments.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP