

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
November 3, 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 six people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There were no public comments.

Michael DeVries requested two additional items be placed on the agenda. Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to add item 14 and 15 to the November 3, 2010 Agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2010.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on October 19, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

**4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 26, 2010.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Special Township Board meeting on October 26, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

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

**6. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for the month of October as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 2011 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2011 Grand Rapids Township Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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

**8. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2011 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGETS.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2011 BUDGET RESOLUTION for the General Fund.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering

Nays: None

Absent: Saalfeld

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2011 BUDGET RESOLUTION for all special funds.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering

Nays: None

Absent: Saalfeld

**9. CONSIDER MODIFICATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT.**

A letter was received from Public Safety Director, Robert Radakovitz, recommending the Board modify the agreement for township law enforcement.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the RESOLUTION TO MODIFY AGREEMENT FOR TOWNSHIP LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, VanPopering

Nays: None

Absent: Saalfeld

**10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT WATER/SEWER BILLS TO 2010 TAX ROLL.**

A request was received from Deputy Treasurer Sue Cady to certify delinquent sewer/water bills to the 2010 winter tax roll.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to certify the delinquent sewer/water bills as presented to the 2010 winter tax roll. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2011 LEGAL ADVERTISING PROPOSAL.**

A proposal for legal advertising for the year 2011 was received from THE ADVANCE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the proposal from THE ADVANCE for the year 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SNOW PLOWING EXPENSE FOR 2010-2011 SEASON.**

A letter was received from Facilities Manager, Bob Versluys, reporting that he had received three quotes for snowplowing at the Township offices, the fire stations on Heather Lane and Three Mile Road, and the pathways.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the quote from Katerberg VerHage for snowplowing as requested for the 2010-2011 season for \$3480 plus \$190 per plow on the pathways. Motion passed unanimously.

**13. DISCUSSION OF PROCESS TO FILL TRUSTEE POSITION.**

Trustee James Saalfeld was elected to the position of Kent County Commissioner for District 11. The Board discussed the method that would be used to appoint a replacement for Trustee Saalfeld. It was the consensus of the Board to appoint an Interview Committee of three Board members. The Committee would bring one recommendation to the Board for consideration of the appointment of Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Trustee Saalfeld.

**14. RESIGNATION OF PAID ON CALL FIRE FIGHTER JOSH MCCONKIE.**

A letter was received from Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz, reporting the resignation of Paid on Call Josh McConkie.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, approved the resignation of Josh McConkie. Motion passed unanimously.

**15. REQUEST TO PURCHASE NEW SOFTWARE.**

The Township offices have been using Microsoft Office 2000 for ten years and request that the software be replaced with Microsoft Office Professional 2010 for all office computers at a cost of \$4,563.84 plus installation of \$450.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request for software replacement as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.