

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 7, 2012**

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 Edward Robinette, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Trustees Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, and Dave Van Dyke. Trustee Lee Van Popering was absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

AGENDA AMENDMENT

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to amend the Agenda to include item **16** for consideration of Election Expenses. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 16, 2012.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BOARD/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2012.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Robert Roth, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Cash Disbursements as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Robert Roth, seconded by Dave Van Dyke, moved to approve payment of the Bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO CERTIFY THE DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER BILLS TO THE 2012 TAX ROLL.

Robert Roth, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER THE 2012 SECONDARY FUNDS BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the amendments to the Secondary Funds of Grand Rapids Township as presented. A roll call vote was called:

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, and Van Dyke.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Van Popering.

Motion approved.

9. CONSIDER A POLICY TO NO LONGER ALLOW PRIVATE EVENT RENTAL FOR THE TOWNSHIP HALL.

Robert Roth, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to end the rental of the Township Hall for private events. Motion passed.

10. CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING BOARD APPOINTMENT APPROVALS:

A: John Cook, Bob King, and Justin Michael to a 2 year term to serve on the Board of Review. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.

B: Consider the appointment of Scott Connors to the Planning Commission to serve a term ending July 1, 2013. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER AMENDMENT OF THE 2012 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to allow December 31 to be a paid Holiday. The Office will be minimally staffed to allow payment of taxes on that day. The motion passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2013 PAY CYCLE SCHEDULE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to begin the 2013 Payroll cycle on December 24, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2013 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the Meeting and Holiday Schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

14. CONDUCT THE 2013 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2013 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the 2013 Budget.
A Roll Call Vote was taken.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, and Van Dyke.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Van Popering

The 2013 Budget was approved.

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF ELECTION EXPENSES.

Clerk Ed Robinette presented expenses for the November 6, 2012 General Election in the amount of \$13,072.00 for payment. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve payment of the expenses as presented. The motion passed unanimously

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP