

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 16, 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 Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Trustee Rusty Merchant was absent. There were three 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, NOVEMBER 3, 2010.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on November 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO REDETERMINE COSTS FOR RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND COMMERCIAL STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve RESOLUTION TO REDETERMINE COSTS FOR RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND COMMERCIAL STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Saalfeld,
Nays: VanPopering

7. CONSIDER FEE INCREASE FOR CREMATION BURIAL CHARGE.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to increase the cremation burial charge from \$100 to \$250. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF PAID ON CALL FIREFIGHTER.

A letter was received from Christopher R. Schwallier, resigning from his position of Paid On Call Firefighter.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to accept the resignation of Christopher R. Schwallier. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR 2010 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

a. Transfer funds from General Fund to Street Light Fund.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to transfer \$30,000 from the General Fund to the Street Light Fund.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering
Nays: None

b. Rescind budget transfer of \$283,500 from Improvement Revolving Fund to General Fund.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to rescind the budget transfer of \$283,500 from Improvement Revolving Fund to General Fund.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering
Nays: None

c. Consider Funds to purchase Dykema property.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve up to \$725,000 from the Improvement Revolving Fund to purchase the Dykema property.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, Saalfeld, VanPopering
Nays: None

10. REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Edward Robinette reported on the discussions of the Personnel Committee.

The Committee recommends that the current health insurance policy and the current insurance agent remain the same. The Committee also recommends that the employee contribution to health insurance be increased from 10% to 13% of the premium, due to a 6.22% increase in premium costs. The Township will continue a contribution of 67% of the insurance deductible.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the recommendations of the Personnel Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

The Personnel Committee will review the proposed Employee Handbook to be considered for approval at the Township Board meeting on December 7, 2010.

BOARD COMMENTS. Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP