

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 Edward Robinette and Lee VanPopering. Trustees Rusty Merchant and James Saalfeld were absent. There was 1 person in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no comments from the audience.

3. Request for membership change in the GR8 Restaurant Partners, LLC Liquor License.

Michael DeVries requested this item be added to the agenda. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the additional item to the November 18, 2008 agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

On September 16, 2008, the Board approved the request for Liquor License transfer from Forest Hills Inn, Inc. to GR8 Restaurant Partners, LLC. GR8 Restaurant Partners, LLC is now requesting that the membership be changed from Wayne Jeffrey Lobdell to Martin Lobdell.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for Liquor License transfer from Forest Hills Inn, Inc. to GR8 Restaurant Partners, LLC (sole member Martin Lobdell).

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Robinette, VanPopering

NAYES: None

4. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 5, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on November 5, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 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 AUTHORIZATION OF GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORIES FOR 2009.

Deputy Treasurer Sue Cady submitted a list of suggested depositories for 2009.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the depositories for 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY 2009 BUDGET AND 2008 AMENDMENTS.

Michael DeVries explained to the Board that the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority's budget has declined in value for 2008 and is projected to decline again in 2009. He is requesting that the 2008 Budget be amended to change revenues to zero and expenses to \$90 for legal fees. He is also requesting that the 2009 Budget be approved with no revenues and legal expenses of \$100.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to amend the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority 2008 Budget and approve the 2009 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER THE AUTHORIZATION OF COST SHARING WITH ADA TOWNSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING FOR THE 2008-2009 SEASON AND AUTHORIZE AN EXPENDITURE OF \$1000.

Michael DeVries informed the Board that since the Courthouse construction is expected to begin next month, we will no longer have a location for tree recycling. Ada Township is willing to offer our residents the option of recycling trees at their site at Ada Park and share the expenses, including advertising costs to inform our communities of the program. Total Grand Rapids Township expenses would not exceed \$1000.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the change in tree recycling from Grand Rapids Township to Ada Park and also to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER SCHEDULING THE KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT FUNDING PUBLIC HEARING FOR JANUARY 6, 2009.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to schedule January 6, 2009 for the Kent County Community Development Block Grant Project Funding Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP