

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 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 Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette and Lee VanPopering. Trustee James Saalfeld was absent. There were 3 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no comments from the audience.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 2008.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on November 18, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for November 2008 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2009 MEETNG AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULES.

Michael DeVries presented the 2009 GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the 2009 meeting schedule as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION REQUIRING THREE MONTH EMPLOYMENT FOR PENSION PLAN PARTICIPATION.

Michael DeVries explained that new rules are being developed to require new hires to complete three months of employment before becoming eligible for benefits.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the following:
RESOLVED, that the Township adopt an amendment, effective January 1, 2009, and apply to all eligible employees hired on or after that date, to establish a service requirement in order to participate in the Plan after three months of service.

Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER LAND PARCEL.

Michael DeVries explained that the parcel of land at 3015 Hathaway Drive SE is not needed by the Township, and requested that the land be conveyed to Cascadia Community Association.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the attached resolution, RESOLUTION TO APPROVE CONVEYANCE OF A PARCEL OF LAND (3015 HATHAWAY DRIVE).

Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AUTHORITY TO PAY BILLS AS THEY ARE RECEIVED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2008.

Michael DeVries requested approval to pay bills as they are received through December 31, 2008.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the payment of bills as they are received through December 31, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BRANDON STEWART TO A THREE-YEAR TERM ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to appoint Brandon Stewart to a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Michael DeVries reported that an ongoing project to replace office furniture may be changing. Two offices were planned to be replaced for 2008. It was noted that an auction is being held on December 5, 2008, of Hekman office furniture. It is expected that four offices could be replaced for the price of two offices by using the auction process.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve up to \$8,000 for the purchase of office furniture at the auction on December 5, 2008. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP