

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2011**

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 and Lee VanPopering. Trustee Rusty Merchant was absent. There were six 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, JANUARY 4, 2011.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on January 4, 2011. 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. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the cash disbursements for December 2010 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to open the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Information was presented regarding remodeling the restrooms in the park shelter building for handicap accessibility and installation of a hearing loop for the Township Hall.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to make application for Kent County Community Development Block Grant funds for the two projects. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING DIRECTOR'S RESIGNATION.

A letter of resignation was received from Richard Sprague, Grand Rapids Township Planner. His last day of work will be January 27, 2011. A copy of his severance letter was also received.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Richard Sprague. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Michael DeVries requested approval of the appointment of Michael DeVries, Edward Robinette and Lee VanPopering to a one year term on the Property Committee.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Janice Hulbert, moved to approve the request for appointments to the Property Committee as requested. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UPDATED GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PURCHASING POLICY.

Director of Public Safety, Robert Radakovitz, presented a proposed, updated, purchasing policy. It is his recommendation that the Township Board adopt the new revised purchasing policy as presented.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the Purchasing Policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Edward Robinette and Chris Afendoulis reported that the Committee plans to meet before the Township Board meeting on February 1, 2011 and schedule interviews at the February 1, 2011 Township Board meeting. The Committee will recommend approval at the February 15, 2011 Township Board meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. Public comments were accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP