

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 4, 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 Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette and Lee VanPopering. There were two 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, DECEMBER 21, 2010.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on December 21, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF AUDIT CONTRACT.

The current audit contract ends after the 2011 audit. A proposal was received from Siegfried Crandall for an extension for 2012 - \$13,500 and 2013 - \$13,500.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to accept the proposal for audit for 2012 and 2013 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ALLOWING KNAPP STREET DEVELOPMENT SIGN FOR COURTHOUSE ON TOWNSHIP LAND.

Kent County has requested an additional sign for the Knapp Street entrance to the courthouse. This location is on Township property. The Planning Commission will consider this request at their January 25, 2011 meeting.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for an additional sign for the courthouse at the Knapp Street entrance. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPERTY EXCHANGE WITH PAUL AND ELAINE VANPUTTEN.

Paul and Elaine VanPutten own property on Knapp Court, next to the Township property. They have agreed to trade a section of their property on Knapp Court for a similar size piece of Grand Rapids Township property located behind their Knapp Court property.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the property exchange as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve a public hearing for Community Development Block Grant on January 18, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

8. TRUSTEE SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE.

The Committee for selection of a new trustee for Grand Rapids Township has received eight applications for that position. A questionnaire was sent to each applicant. The Committee will review the responses and meet with the applicants. The Committee will then recommend one applicant to the Township Board.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
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