

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
December 17, 2013**

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 Edward Robinette, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Lee Van Popering, Rusty Merchant and David Van Dyke. Trustee Robert Roth was absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor DeVries asked the Board to add two items to the Agenda: (5) a resolution to add Lowell Township to Grand Valley Metro council, and (6) a request to exempt Grand Rapids Township from a provision of the Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the additions to the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 3, 2013.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved payment of the Bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF LOWELL TOWNSHIP TO GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER REQUEST TO EXEMPT GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FROM THE PUBLIC FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Resolution as presented.

A Roll Call vote was cast:

AYES: Van Dyke, Van Popering, Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth

The Resolution establishing Endowment Funds for maintenance of public improvements is approved.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2013 BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the 2013 Budget Amendment as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Budget Amendment as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the purchase of a plotter/scanner/printer, not to exceed \$5950.00. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP