

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 1, 2014**

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 Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, David Van Dyke and Lee Van Popering. There were four people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2014.

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

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

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

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

The Personnel Committee met at 6:15 pm prior to the Board Meeting. Chairman Roth presented the Committee's report to the Board and made the following motion:

6/23/2014 Salary Adjustment	Proposed Rate
Robin Rothley	\$58,240
Sue Cady	\$55,120
Kara Hammond	\$17.00 per hr.
Barb Griswold	\$14.00 per hr. (effective 3/17/2014)
Hire Christine Witt as a Non-regular employee for \$13.50 / hr. effective 4/14/2014	

The motion was seconded by Lee Van Popering. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 496, CONSUMERS ENERGY ELECTRIC FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FOR ADOPTION.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: VanDyke, Van Popering, Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth.

NAYS: None

The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FUND BALANCE POLICY.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the Policy as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYS: None

The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2014 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FUND BALANCE ALLOCATIONS.

Robert Roth, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the Fund Balance Allocations as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID AWARD, RE: CRAHEN VALLEY PARK TRAIL PROJECT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the winning bidder, Redline Excavating, LLC, with a total project not to exceed \$105,000. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Rusty Merchant commented on the condition of 3 Mile Road and the Road Commission's plans for milling the surface, with paving to follow several weeks later.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP