

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 21, 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 three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

The Supervisor requested the addition of the following items to the agenda:

4b. Relocation of street light at Knapp Ct., Knapp St., Maguire intersection.

4c. Set the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2015 Budget.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of amending the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2014.

Robert Roth, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

b. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY FOR THE RELOCATION OF STREET LIGHT AT KNAPP AND MAGUIRE STS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the agreement, authorize the expenditure of \$2003.00, and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Township. The motion passed unanimously.

c. CONSIDER SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET ON NOVEMBER 5, 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to set the Public Hearing on the 2015 Township Budget on November 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm and direct the Clerk to post notice and advertise the meeting in the local newspaper. The motion passed unanimously.

5. THIRD QUARTER BUDGET REPORT.

The Board received the 3rd Quarter Budget Report and directed the Clerk to post the report on the Township Web Site.

6. CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP GENERAL AND BUILDING FUNDS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the amendments to the 2014 General Fund as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None.

The General Fund Amendments were approved.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the amendments to the 2014 Building Fund as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

The Building Fund Amendments were approved.

7. CONSIDER DRAINAGE WORK IN THE GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PARK.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to authorize the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for drainage repairs in the GRT park. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2015 MEETING AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the 2015 Meeting and Holiday schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

12. BOARD COMMENTS.

There were none.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Carlo Vanin, of 3333 Mahogany NE, had comments regarding the conduct of the board and threatened a lawsuit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.