

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 18, 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, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, and David Van Dyke. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustee Lee Van Popering were absent. There was no one in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

The Clerk requested the addition of two items to the agenda.

10. Proposal to provide Legal Advertising

11. First Reading of Ordinance 501 Re: Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park Rezoning of 3300 Leonard St. NE.

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

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 5, 2014.

Robert Roth, 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 David Van Dyke, moved payment of the Bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 500 RE: DISSOLUTION OF THE PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of Ordinance 500 as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Afendoulis, Van Popering

Ordinance 500 is approved.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2015 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP DEPOSITORIES.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the depositories as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER THE RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE HEALTH CARE HARD CAP REQUIREMENT FOR 2015.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the Resolution as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT BILLS TO THE WINTER TAX ROLL.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to certify the delinquent bills to the winter tax roll as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT AN EMERGENCY ACCESS BRIDGE IN CRAHEN VALLEY PARK.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the proposal as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LEGAL ADVERTISING PROPOSAL.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the Legal Advertising Proposal with MLive/Advance as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 501 RE: FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS AND SCULPTURE PARK - REZONING OF 3300 LEONARD ST. NE

This proposed ordinance will be considered for adoption at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to be held at the next Township Board Meeting.

12. BOARD COMMENTS.

Rusty Merchant commented on the coming development at Knapp St. and the East Beltline in the City of Grand Rapids. Mr. Merchant also disclosed his acquisition of The Right Place as a client of his firm.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.