

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 7, 2015**

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 David Van Dyke, Trustees Rusty Merchant, David Pierangeli, and Lee Van Popering. Trustee Robert Roth joined the meeting at 7:08 pm. There were two 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 JUNE 16, 2015.

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

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, 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. PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 505, RE: GRAND RAPIDS TOWN CENTER PUD AMENDMENT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed and the public hearing was opened. There were no comments from the public. Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of Ordinance No. 505, Grand Rapids Town Center PUD Amendment. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth

Ordinance No. 505 is approved.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RESIGNATION OF PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to accept the resignation of Mark Lindner. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE HIRING OF THREE PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the hiring of the following individuals as paid-on-call firefighters:

Adam J. Turner
Adam C. Tiefenbach
Jonathan S. Meyer

The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL FROM HYDRO-TURF FOR IRRIGATION AT CRAHEN VALLEY PARK.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the proposal from Hydro-Turf to install irrigation in Crahen Valley Park for an amount not-to-exceed \$23,000.00. The motion passed.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FREDERIK MELJER GARDENS & SCULPTURE PARK FIREWORKS DISPLAY.

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

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH MDOT FOR DECORATIVE LIGHTING.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the Resolution to contract with MDOT for the pathway lighting on the bridge trail on Cascade Rd. over I-96. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Roth

The Resolution is approved.

Robert Roth joined the meeting.

12. BOARD COMMENTS. Board members discussed the status of the road funding legislation pending in Lansing.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.