

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2016**

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, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, David Pierangeli, Lee Van Popering, and Beverly Wall. There were 15 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT. There were none.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2016.

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 payment of the bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

David Pierangeli, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the bills as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 509 & 510.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Eric Hahn, representing the developer, announced his willingness to answer any questions.

Eric Stark, a township resident and attorney representing the owner of 3 properties on Dunnigan, commented on his client's desire for the development to be tabled or denied until utility easements are acquired.

There were no further public comments.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved approval of Ordinance No. 509. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 509 which amends the Residential Unit Size in the HC-PUD District is approved.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved approval of Ordinance No. 510. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 510 is approved.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION COMMISSION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the appointments of David Pierangeli to the Personnel Committee and Beverly Wall to the Election Commission as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 3941 REEDS LAKE BLVD.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to approve a resolution to purchase the property at 3941 Reeds Lake Blvd that is in foreclosure for back taxes and fees in the amount of \$1094.80. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The purchase of the property is approved.

9. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A SIGN COMMITTEE AND APPOINT MEMBERS.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to appoint Sue Cady and Kara Hammond to the Sign Committee as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CARD ACCESS SYSTEM.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the request to spend up to \$5400.00 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS. John Langdon, a resident of Holland, MI, representing the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers presented information to the board regarding rail transport in Michigan.

13. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.