

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2017**

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 David Pierangeli, Lee Van Popering, Beverly Wall, and Philip Yeiter. There were two 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 FEBRUARY 7, 2017.**

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

**4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved payment of the bills as presented, with the addition of the invoice for Fire Inspector testing in the amount of \$350.00. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. PRESENTATION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA ORDINANCE; BRANDON GARDNER.**

Attorney Gardner requested that the Township adopt a Medical Marijuana Ordinance on behalf of his client who wishes to locate such a business in Grand Rapids Township.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

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

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved to assign the funds allocated to Grand Rapids Charter Township to Kent County Lead Based Paint/Hazards Testing and Abatement. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS TO REMOVE THE HOUSE AT CRAHEN VALLEY PARK.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to authorize the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the removal of residential structures at Crahen Valley Park. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE TO PURCHASE CRAHEN VALLEY PARK SIGNAGE.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to authorize the expenditure of \$565.00 for the sign and installation of the sign at Crahen Valley Park and an additional \$1500.00 for the replacement of the two signs marking the borders of Grand Rapids Township on the East Beltline. The motion passed unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION OF YEAR END KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT – EAST PRECINCT REPORT.**

The Township Board received the report.

**10. BOARD COMMENTS.** Supervisor DeVries provided an update regarding the Township's appeal of the Spectrum Health tax exemption case. The Township's legal counsel has advised that we could ask the Court of Appeals to hold our briefing schedule in abeyance pending the outcome of the Baruch decision at the Michigan Supreme Court. The Board decided to take action and David Pierangeli, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to authorize our legal counsel to ask the Court of Appeals to hold our briefing in abeyance pending the Baruch decision. The motion passed with 6 in favor, 1 opposed.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were none.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk  
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