

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
May 3, 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 was none.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2017.

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

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the cash disbursements as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

6. REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

Committee Chair David Pierangeli gave the following report:

The Committee met at 6:40 pm on May 3, 2017.

The Committee re-appointed David Pierangeli as committee chair, and Edward Robinette as committee secretary.

The committee discussed wages and salaries for the 2018 budget and anticipate a 2.5 to 3.0 percent increase. A proposal for some 2017 mid-year pay adjustments will be brought to the board for consideration at a future meeting.

The committee recommended that the Township Board hire Danielle Cope as a part-time Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved approval of the request to hire Danielle Cope for the position of non-regular part-time Administrative Assistant/Receptionist. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2016 AUDIT REPORT.

The Township Board received the 2016 audit report from our auditing firm Siegfried Crandall PC.

8. CONSIDER THE DIVISION OF PLATTED LOTS (re: 77 Lakeside Dr. SE).

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved approval of the Resolution to Approve the Division of Platted Lots in Recorded Subdivision, located at 77 Lakeside Ave. SE. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None.

The resolution is declared adopted.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF LEFFINGWELL AVE. PROPERTY.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved approval of the purchase of the parcel at 1736 Leffingwell from Kent County for back taxes due in the amount of \$691.56. The motion passed unanimously.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: SPECTRUM APPEAL.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Beverly Wall, moved to enter executive session at 7:20 pm to discuss legal matters. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to end executive session. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to end the appeal of the case Spectrum Health v. Grand Rapids Charter Township. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: Wall

The motion is approved.

11. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Elizabeth Steck of 138 Ivanhoe NE requested an ordinance change that would allow chickens to be located in residential areas.

13. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.