

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2008**

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 Janice Hulbert, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were approximately 10 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

Mort Hoffman, 42 Robinhood Drive SE, asked about the sale of Township land to Kent County.

Ted Siereveld, 2714 McIntosh NE, stated his concern for the length of the proposed AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONSE AGREEMENT and lack of competitive bids.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 2, 2008.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

5. PROPERTY COMMITTEE STATEMENT.

At the request of the Township Board, the Property Committee submitted the following Statement of Purpose:

The 2008 Property Committee was established from the Knapp Street Property Committee, whose members are Michael DeVries, Edward Robinette and Lee VanPopering.

The scope of the committee is to review options for the purchase or sale of Township property within the limit of governmental operations and/or public purpose.

The Committee will review and research needs and opportunities as they arise, and report accordingly to the Board for further guidance and direction to recommend action.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT.

Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, recommended that the Township Board approve the attached AMBULANCE SERVICE AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDER AGREEMENT. The Agreement extends the Ambulance Service Agreement with Rockford Ambulance commencing March 15, 2008 and running through March 14, 2018.

The cost to provide a transport-ready ambulance and a medical response unit will be \$105,102 due on March 15, 2008 with annual increases of five percent (5%) due March 15 of each succeeding year through March 14, 2014. Effective March 15, 2014, the annual increase will be four and one-half percent (4½%) through March 14, 2018.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the attached agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

7. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #460.

Proposed Ordinance #460, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (HERKNER VILLAGE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) was presented, to be considered for adoption at the next Township Board meeting, February 5, 2008.

8. FIRST READING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #461.

Proposed Ordinance #461, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (DAR DEVELOPMENT INC. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) was presented, to be considered for adoption at the next Township Board meeting, February 5, 2008.

9. UPDATE ON PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT.

Michael DeVries reported that he will announce the appointment for Planning Commission member at the next Township Board meeting, February 5, 2008.

10. BOARD COMMENTS.

Board comments were received.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were no public comments.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.