

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 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 J. DeVries, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward J. Robinette, James R. Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. The following person was absent: Clerk Janice K. Hulbert. There were 5 people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.**

No one in the audience wished to make any comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 5, 2008.**

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

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

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

**5. CONSIDER PROPERTY COMMITTEE STATEMENT CLARIFYING ACTION.**

James Saalfeld, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the Property Committee Statement of Purpose as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #462 COOK VALLEY GREEN HOUSE PUD.**

Township Supervisor Michael DeVries read an article about the positive benefits of Green House living facilities. This type of facility will provide a comfortable, dignified place for Cook Valley residents to live.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to adopt Ordinance #462 Cook Valley Green House PUD as presented.

ALL IN FAVOR: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Saalfeld, and VanPopering.

ALL OPPOSED: None.

ABSENT: Hulbert.

Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT REQUEST TO STRIKE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE TAX ROLL – ANNUAL REQUEST.**

Supervisor DeVries explained that this is an annual request to strike personal property taxes that have been delinquent for five years from the tax roll.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to strike the above mentioned Personal Property taxes from the tax roll. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL.**

Township Public Safety Director, Bob Radakovitz, said that the current Public Safety Millage expires December 31, 2009. He requested that the Board consider a seven or eleven year renewal for the Public Safety Millage which would fall in line with the Presidential Election.

The Board discussed which elections would have the highest voter turn out and agreed that the request should be placed on a ballot with high turn out so more residents can have a vote.

Supervisor DeVries explained how funds are levied, distributed, and what is funded with the monies.

The consensus of the Board was that seven years would be the better choice. Supervisor DeVries said the item should be ready for the March 18, 2008 agenda.

**9. BOARD COMMENTS.**

Board Comments were discussed.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

Ted Siereveld, 2714 McIntosh Dr SE, questioned the Public Safety renewal mileage request for an increased time in light of possible co-operative or collaborative efforts of fire services which could create a Public Safety fund surplus. Supervisor DeVries explained that not all of the mills would be levied if that happened.

Larry Yachcik, President & CEO of Porter Hills, thanked the Board for their consideration and approval of the Cook Valley Green House PUD.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
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