

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009**

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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were 2 people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no comments from the audience.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING, MARCH 3, 2009.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on March 3, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE IN STANDARD STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT WITH CONSUMER ENERGY.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the AUTHORIZATION FOR CHANGE IN STANDARD STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT to add one 10,500 Metal Halide at 212 Forest Hill Ave SE. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF \$100 INSTALLATION EXPENSE FOR FOREST HILL/GLASCONY STREET LIGHT.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering moved to approve \$100 installation expense for a new street light at 212 Forest Hill Ave SE. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY COST SHARING EXPENSE FOR CELL TOWER SERVICE BUILDING.

Michael DeVries reported to the Board that Global Tower Partners is continuing to work on this issue and would like to postpone Board discussion until they are ready. James Saalfeld, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to table this issue until the Board brings it back to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF FUNDS TO REPLACE PARK SHELTER ROOF.

A request for shelter roof replacement was received from Bob Versluys, Facilities Manager. He submitted three quotes. His recommendation is to accept the quote from Weatherhead and Sons for \$3400.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the quote for shelter roof replacement from Weatherhead and Sons for \$3400. Motion approved unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE TEMPORARY SUMMER ASSESSING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

Michael DeVries reported that the Assessing Department would like to hire temporary summer employees to help with the review of residential properties in the northeast quadrant of the Township. The projected cost of this project is \$8000.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to approve hiring temporary summer employees for assessing field work, not to exceed \$8000. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS: Board comments were received.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP