

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2012**

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 Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Robert Roth, David Van Dyke, and Lee VanPopering. There were two people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

2a. REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA

Michael DeVries asked to amend the agenda. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval. Motion passed unanimously.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,
MARCH 6, 2012,**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting of March 6, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF THE FINAL PRELIMINARY SITE CONDOMINIUM PLAN
FOR BALSAM WATERS.**

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSIDERATION OF PENSION PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION.

Changes to Federal Law require our pension plan be amended to remain in compliance. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDERATION OF 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION.**

Changes to Federal law require our 457 Deferred Compensation Plan be amended to remain in compliance. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION OF MEIJER GARDENS 2012 CONCERT SERIES SCHEDULE.

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park presented their outdoor concert schedule and request outdoor assembly permits for 4 dates as well as their Tuesday Evening Music Club concerts. Robert Roth, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the dates requested. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF SUE CADY FROM PART TIME TO FULL TIME.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the change of employment status as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF RECEPTIONIST WITH REGRET.

Receptionist Stephanie Wright has tendered her resignation from Grand Rapids Township employment. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval. Motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2012 LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the contract for \$20,284.00, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

12. AGENDA AMENDED TO INCLUDE LIQUOR LICENSE APPROVAL.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has returned a previously approved license with an amended address for approval. Rusty Merchant, seconded by Robert Roth, moved approval of the Resolution.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP