

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19, 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, Clerk Janice Hulbert and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. Treasurer Chris Afendoulis was absent. There were two 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, MAY 6, 2009.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on May 6, 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 THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BEVERLY WALL AND SUSAN MOLHOEK TO THREE YEAR TERMS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the appointment of Beverly Wall and Susan Molhoek to three year terms on the Planning Commission. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF MARK PREIN TO A ONE YEAR TERM ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Michael DeVries reported to the Board that Michael Fuller has asked to be excused from an additional Planning Commission term after 13 years of honored service.

In order to maintain the presence of an engineering professional on the Planning Commission, Supervisor DeVries requests that Mark Prein, Prein and Newhoff, be appointed to the Planning Commission for a one year term.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the appointment of Mark Prein to the Planning Commission for a one-year term. Motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD CLOSURE REQUESTS: EAST GRAND RAPIDS FOR THE REEDS LAKE TRIATHLON AND CARNOUSTIE AVENUE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the request from the City of East Grand Rapids for road closures for the Reeds Lake Triathlon on September 12, 2009, and to the neighborhood of Carnoustie Avenue between St. Andrews and Arrowhead for a neighborhood party on May 30, 2009. Motion passed unanimously.

**8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF EXPENDITURE OF \$5,500 FOR SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE AT GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL.**

The current security system at the Township Hall/Offices is old and needs to be replaced. A proposal was received from Eagle Security Systems for a new security system.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the installation of a new security system at the Township Hall/Offices for an amount not-to-exceed \$5,500. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. DISCUSSION: SIDEWALK PATHWAY ORDINANCE.**

Michael DeVries presented a proposed sidewalk ordinance, an ordinance to regulate the use of sidewalks within the Township. After discussion on the proposed ordinance, the consensus of the Board was to have Michael DeVries continue to work on the development of a sidewalk ordinance.

**10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION OF TEMPORARY COST SHARING EXPENSE FOR CELL TOWER SERVICE BUILDING AT 1836 EAST BELTLINE NE.**

This item was considered by the Board on March 17, 2009 as follows:

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.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to bring this item back to the table. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael DeVries reported that since the cell tower at 1836 East Beltline is full, Global Tower Partners has withdrawn their request for Township consideration of cost sharing for a new cell tower service building.

Michael DeVries, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to withdraw the request for cost sharing for a new cell tower service building. Motion passed unanimously.

**11. KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION.**

A budget estimate for local road construction was received from the Kent County Road Commission for \$137,500 KCRC share and \$137,500 Township share for a total expense of \$275,000.

Edward Robinette, seconded by James Saalfeld, moved to authorize Michael DeVries to sign the Kent County Road Commission Local Road Construction Authorization form. Motion passed unanimously.

**12. AUTHORIZATION TO SELL FIRE TRUCK 2823.**

Robert Radakovitz, Director of Public Safety, reported that preparations are being made to replace Unit 2823 in the year 2009. Prior to the bid process for the purchase of a new fire truck, he requested permission to sell Fire Truck 2823.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to authorize Robert Radakovitz to sell Fire Truck 2823. Motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** Board comments were received.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP