

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2011**

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 and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, Robert Roth and Lee VanPopering. There were eight people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There were no public comments.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING,
JULY 5, 2011.**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve the minutes of the regular Township Board meeting on July 5, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

a. EARLY ADVANTAGE DAY CARE.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to open the Public Hearing on Early Advantage Day Care. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to close the Public Hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 483, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Early Advantage Day Care Planned Unit Development).

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

b. Hidden Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District.

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to open the Public Hearing.
Motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to close the Public Hearing.
Motion passed unanimously.

Lee VanPopering seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4, CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; LIEN; PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

c. PERCH LAKE AQUATIC WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to open the Public Hearing.
Motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to close the Public Hearing.
Motion passed unanimously.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION NO. 4, CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL; LIEN; PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

Ayes: Afendoulis, DeVries, Hulbert, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, VanPopering
Nays: None

6. KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY PRESENTATION.

Representatives from the Kent District Library spoke to the Board. Representatives in attendance were: Lance Werner, Library Director; David Strake, Plainfield Library Manager; Charles Fry, Region 5 Representative.

7. CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL APPROVAL LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST.

The following requests for Liquor Licenses were received:

Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, Inc. requests a new continuing care retirement center license issued under MCL436.1545 with new dance-entertainment permit to be located at

Cook Valley Estates, 1049 E SE Paris, Grand Rapids MI 49546, Grand Rapids Charter Township, Kent County.

Porter Hill Presbyterian Village, Inc. requests a new continuing care retirement center license issued under MCL436.1545 with new dance-entertainment permit to be located at Porter Hills Village, 3600 E Fulton, Grand Rapids MI 49546, Grand Rapids Charter Township, Kent County.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the request for two liquor licenses for Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION OF EAST BELTLINE MEDIAN 2011 FALL SEASON TREE REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURE.

A proposal for tree replacement on the East Beltline median was received from Katerberg Verhage for \$9,750.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved to approve the expenditure of \$9,750 for the 2011 fall season tree replacement. Motion passed unanimously.

9. TOWNSHIP SHELTER REMODEL.

Supervisor DeVries requested approval of the final payment for the Township shelter remodel project. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve final payment for the shelter remodel project of \$11,812. Motion passed unanimously.

10. INTRODUCTION OF DAVID PASQUELL.

Supervisor DeVries introduced David Pasquale.

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to authorize the Supervisor to prepare a letter of understanding to contract with Mr. Pasquale for work in the Planning Department. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.