

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JULY 21, 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, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis and Trustees Rusty Merchant, Edward Robinette, James Saalfeld and Lee VanPopering. There were three 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, JULY 7, 2009.**

Edward Robinette, seconded by Lee VanPopering, moved to approve the minutes of the Township Board meeting on July 7, 2009. 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. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #469, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (R-3 MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY DISTRICT).**

Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to approve Ordinance #469, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (R-3 Manufactured Housing Community District). Motion passed unanimously.

**6. ASSESSING RESIDENTIAL FIELD WORK UPDATE.**

A memo was received from Assessor Robin Rothley with an update on the work of the summer interns. They have nearly completed 550 parcels and will continue to work on additional neighborhoods. Robin is very pleased with their progress.

**7. ROAD AND TRAIL WORK UPDATE.**

Michael DeVries informed the Board of road projects and trail work for 2009. The road work is in progress and nearly completed. The repairs for the trail at Crahen and Whitewood Farms are scheduled. The request for grant money for the railroad overpass near Crahen and Fulton was denied. The Reeds Lake trail needs some repairs. Mr. DeVries will bring specific requests for repairs at a future meeting.

**8. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 470, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GRAND RAPIDS (Amendment No. 2 in Celadon New Town Planned Unit Development).**

Brad Rottschafer from Mosaic Properties explained the request for the amendment to this project. Planner Richard Sprague was in attendance and also gave information regarding this project. Richard Sprague requested time to research some of the information. Lee VanPopering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to table this item. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. COURTHOUSE STATUS/PEDESTRIAN PLAZA.**

A letter was received from Kent County Board of Commissioners regarding the new 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court building. An estimate of completion was given as November 5, 2009 with business as usual in the new facility on November 16, 2009. Pictures of the building project were also presented.

Pictures and projected costs of the 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court Pedestrian Plaza were presented.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Janice K. Hulbert, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP