

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 18, 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, Dave Van Dyke, and Lee Van Popering. There was one person 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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Robert Roth, moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

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

5. PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP DRAFT BUDGET.

The Supervisor presented his draft of the 2013 Budget. Discussion was held, and the Board directed the Supervisor to reallocate \$25,000 within the Budget for the purpose of developing a plan for the Township Park (Doezema Farm and Dykema Property combined).

6. SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET ON NOVEMBER 7, 2012.

Robert Roth, seconded by Dave Van Dyke, moved to set the Public Hearing for the Township Budget on November 7, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER 2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

Chris Afendoulis, seconded by Rusty Merchant, moved approval of the 2012 Budget Amendments as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Afendoulis, DeVries, Merchant, Robinette, Roth, Van Dyke, Van Popering.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion was approved.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE RESOLUTION.

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Dave Van Dyke, moved approval of the Charitable Gaming License Resolution as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER LANDSCAPE RESTORATION EXPENSE

Rusty Merchant, seconded by Dave Van Dyke, moved to authorize the Supervisor to spend up to \$16,000 to landscape (trees and restoration work) at the Doezema Farm and Dykema property. The additional expenditures shall be financially constrained. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS. There were no board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS. The Board received correspondence from Robert Daverman, the president of the Cascadia Community Association (attached).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP