

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

**WORK SESSION** - 6:00 p.m. (Held in the Board Room.)

1. Assessing and Accounting Director Chalifoux provided a brief overview of the Assessing and Accounting Department.
2. Cargo presented his evaluation of the merger with of the Assessing and Finance department. No Board action is necessary. Clerk Buitenhuis commented that since many of the Clerk's statutory duties are delegated to the Director of Assessing and Accounting, she is very concerned about the director not having a background in accounting and the long-term impact this may have on the accounting of the township.
3. The Board reviewed the available options regarding cost estimates for the Sunset Trails Water SAD project that had an original estimated assessment for each of the 14 lots at about \$12,723. Option #1 – which would eliminate the “loop” and increase estimated assessment costs to about \$13,950 on each of the 14 lots. But, the cost increase would be under the 10% allowed by state law and **no further action would be necessary on part of the Board.**

Option #2 would modify the original construction route, maintain the proposed “looped” system, and increase the estimated assessment costs to about \$17,196 on each of the 14 lots. This decision would require that the Board schedule and hold another public hearing on the assessment roll (*i.e., adopt Resolution 09-02-03*).

After discussion, the Board decided to opt with holding another public hearing to request input from the homeowners.

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

**Board members present:** Larsen, Veach, Buitenhuis, Kieft, Jenkins, Worthington, and French

**Board members absent:** None.

Also present was Manager Cargo.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Jenkins to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve February 9, 2009 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment for Invoices
3. Change Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition from a floating holiday to the third Monday in January

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Veach to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Clerk Buitenhuis to approve and adopt Resolution 09-02-03, which schedules a public hearing on the Sunset Hills Water SAD Assessment Roll for April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and instructs staff to notify the public of the meeting by both first class mail – for each of the property owners in the SAD district – and by notification in the Grand Haven Tribune. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Jenkins, Larsen, Kieft, French, Veach, Worthington, Buitenhuis.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed.
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report

Cargo noted he has been working with the OCRC and bond counsel to prepare GHT's portion of the bond schedule for renovation and expansion of the NOWS water plant. He recommended that the interest on the bond be capitalized during the two-year construction period to keep the increase GHT's cumulative water bond payments fairly level (*i.e., from about \$775,395 in 2008 to about \$800,000; \$850,000; \$923,000; \$914,000; \$916,000 for the next five years, respectively*). Formal bond documents will be brought before the Board in about two to four weeks.

4. Others

IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor