

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009**

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

1. Community Development Director Patrick Waterman gave a brief presentation on the department.
2. The Board discussed questions and/or concerns on the proposed agenda.

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Veach, Kieft, Worthington, Jenkins, Larsen, Buitenhuis and French
Board members absent: None.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Community Development Director Waterman.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve February 23, 2009 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment for Invoices
3. Approve RFP with Prein and Newhof for a Water Reliability Study at a cost not to exceed \$8,900.

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Clerk Buitenhuis to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Jenkins to allow Clerk Buitenhuis to be excused from the discussion and vote on the Nows Bond Resolution since the firm for whom Buitenhuis works for is the auditor of Nows and she desire to avoid any appearance of not being independent. **Which motion carried** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Veach, Kieft, Buitenhuis, Worthington, Larsen, French, Jenkins.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 09-03-01, approving the Northwest Ottawa Water System (NOWS) 2009 Improvements Contract with Ottawa County and the other member units of NOWS with respect to the acquisition, construction and financing of the project. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, French, Veach, Worthington, Jenkins, Kieft.
Nays: None.
Abstaining: Buitenhuis.

Clerk Buitenhuis rejoined the meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Veach to table the proposed Zoning text amendments to Sections 19.07.29A and 20.10 of the Grand Haven Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, as drafted, addressing requirements for outdoor ponds. **Which motion carried.** This constitutes a First Reading.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed.
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Cargo noted that Chamber is using a new format for their monthly Economic Development Reports.
 - b. Cargo noted that precipitation levels in Ottawa County for 2008 were 13" or 37% above normal. Further, for the first two months on 2009, precipitation levels were 6" or 200% above normal. GHT should expect increase level of concerns/complaints from residents regarding high water tables and surface water problems.
 - c. Cargo noted that a copy of the March newsletter has been included for the Board's information.
4. Others

Staff was instructed to provide information regarding cost estimates on re-graveling portions of primary gravel roads (i.e. Buchanan, 152nd) and explore feasibility of OCRC to pay a portion

IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Edward Anderson, 15120 Buchanan, addressed the board regarding roads and high water, requesting the drain commissioner and road commissioner attend a meeting with the township board.

Vaughn Umphrey, 15177 Buchanan, addressed the board regarding gravel roads in the township.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor