

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009**

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

1. The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee to hire the firms of Project Innovations and LSL Planning to work together as a team to assist GHT with strategic Planning. The Board authorized the contract to be voted on during “Old Business”.
2. Eric VanDop from the firm of Brickley DeLong presented the annual independent auditor’s report on GHT’s 2008 financial statements. The firm provided an “unqualified” opinion (*i.e., an opinion without qualifications*) that the financial statements of the Township fairly present the respective financial position of the Township in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
3. Habitat for Humanity requested permission to waive the water trunkage charge. Pursuant to GHT’s Ordinances, GHT does not provide free service for either the water and sewer enterprise funds. Cargo will draft a letter to Habitat for Humanity denying their request.
4. Summer Tax notices will be mailed prior to July 1st. A copy of the insert has been placed in the Board member mail slots. (*Note the 21.7% reduction of the GHT millage rate since 2006.*)
5. The Court of Appeals rules in GHT’s favor regarding the Risko matter. A copy of the published opinion has been placed in the correspondence file. The Risko’s have until July 28th to file an application of leave to appeal to the Supreme Court. Copies of the published opinion will be placed in the Board member’s mail slots.
6. Cargo has requested a quote from Utility Financial Solutions to complete an updated cost of service study and utility rate analysis. This is an appropriate time given the major work complete in 2008 on the Sewer System and the bond cost estimates for the NOWS water plant and raw water improvements.

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was Superintendent Cargo.

Without objection, Kieft was appointed the Temporary Clerk.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve June 8, 2009 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment for Invoices
3. Re-appointment of Jeff Beswick to the Loutit Library Board for a three-year term ending June 30, 2012.

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

VI. PRESENTATION

Chamber of Commerce President Joy Gaasch and Vice President of Economic Development David Miller provided an update on the Chamber of Commerce activities to the GHT Board.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Larsen and seconded by French to remove from the table the proposed Planning Commission Establishment Ordinance. **Which motion carried.**

Motion by French and seconded by Larsen to approve the proposed Planning Commission Establishment Ordinance. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: French, Kieft, Worthington, Larsen, Veach

Nays:

Absent: Buitenhuis and Jenkins

This constitutes a second reading.

2. **Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Worthington to approve the contract with Project Innovations/LSL Planning for consulting services associated with the Grand Haven Charter Township Strategic Plan at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Staff will make the necessary budget amendments or line item transfer to fund this project. **Which motion carried.**

3. **Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Worthington to authorize the Superintendent to execute a contract with Northern Pipeline Contractors, Inc. to replace the existing earthen dam with a more permanent control structure at a cost of \$5,550. It is understood that without an outlet for storm water that even this structure may not prevent future flooding that could occur prior to the construction of a county drain. Further, the Superintendent shall both (1) seek authorization from the County for this proposed work and (2) make the necessary budget amendments for Board approval during the first series of budget amendments scheduled for July 20th. **Which motion carried.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Veach to approve Resolution 09-06-01, which approves a charitable gaming license from the North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club Foundation that operates within Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Veach, Larsen, French, Kieft, Worthington

Nays:

Absent: Buitenhuis and Jenkins

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed.
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report (*Provided during the Work Session.*)
4. Others

IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Larsen and seconded by Veach to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

William Kieft III
Grand Haven Charter Township Temporary Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor