

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009**

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.**

1. Cargo and Marcetti presented two possible governance structures for an expanded Harbor Transit service (i.e., PA 7 and PA 196). The Board instructed staff to schedule another discussion session during the November 23, 2009 Work Session.
2. The Board discussed the possibility of instituting a random drug test policy to compliment the current policy of testing upon hire or accidents. Trustees Worthington, Veach, Larsen and Supervisor French expressed opposition to implementing random drug testing. Trustee Jenkins and Treasurer Kieft were undecided. However, the Board did instruct the Superintendent and Human Resources Director to heighten awareness of the signs or indications of drug or alcohol abuse.
3. Supervisor French noted that Ottawa County was proposing the establishment of a “Land Bank Authority” that would be created to acquire, hold, manage and develop tax-foreclosed property as well as other vacant and abandoned properties. These are normally established where there is significant blight. But, a Land Bank Authority might be effective in a county such as Ottawa due to the current mortgage crisis.

Any comments should be forwarded to the County Treasurer by Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:11 p.m.

**II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was Superintendent Cargo and Community Development Director Waterman.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion** by Larsen and seconded by Worthington to appoint Treasurer Kieft as Temporary Clerk during the meeting. **Which motion carried.**

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

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve October 12, 2009 Board Minutes (as amended with the word “large” being removed from the discussions of audit firms)
2. Approve October 20, 2009 Special Board Minutes
3. Approve October 20, 2009 Closed Session Minutes
4. Approve Payment of Invoices
5. Re-Appointment of John Heinritz to the DDA/BRA for a term ending August 1, 2012
6. Re-Appointment of Brad Davis to the DDA/BRA for a term ending August 1, 2012
7. Re-Appointment of Rob Robbins to the DDA/BRA for a term ending August 1, 2012
8. Appointment of John Helder to the DDA/BRA for a term ending August 1, 2012

9. Appointment of Greg Ransford as Planning Commission liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Pete Sheffield ending August 1, 2011
10. Appointment of Carolyn Taylor to the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of James O'Neal ending August 1, 2012
11. Approve Creation Communications Committee and Appointment of Treasurer Kieft, Trustee Larsen and Trustee Worthington
12. Schedule Special Budget Work Session for Tuesday, November 17th at 6:00 p.m.

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS

Joy Gaasch and David Miller from the Chamber of Commerce presented the 2008-2009 Economic Development Report and answered questions from the Board.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Larsen supported by French to remove from the table the proposal approving a contract with Vredeveld Haefner for auditing services. **Which motion carried.**

**Motion** by French supported by Larsen to approve a four-year agreement with Vredeveld Haefner LLC to provide the annual financial audit for the Township and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the initial engagement letter for the 2009 Fiscal Year. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: French, Worthington, Veach and Larsen

Nays: Kieft and Jenkins

Absent: Buitenhuis

2. **Motion** by Jenkins and seconded by French to approve and adopt Resolution 09-10-03 that vacates Orchard Avenue, Lake Drive and Arlington Avenue located in Sheldon Beach Subdivision. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Veach, Larsen, Worthington, Jenkins, Kieft, and French

Nays:

Absent: Buitenhuis

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Kieft and seconded by Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 09-10-04 that approves and adopts the October budget amendments for fiscal year 2009. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: French, Worthington, Larsen, Veach, Jenkins, and Kieft

Nays:

Absent: Buitenhuis

2. **Motion** by Larsen and seconded by French to grant a two year extension of the Final Preliminary Plat approval for the Brighamwood Subdivision No. 2 pursuant to Section 3.3.C.4 of the Grand Haven Charter Township Subdivision Control Ordinance. The new effective expiration date of this approval shall be November 14, 2011. **Which motion carried.**

3. **Motion** by Jenkins and seconded by Larsen to table the proposed zoning text amendments relating to the US-31/M-45 Area Overlay Zone Ordinance, draft date 10/16/09. **Which motion carried.** This constitutes the first reading.

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Kieft  
Grand Haven Charter Temporary Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor