

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010**

WORK SESSION - 6:00 p.m.

1. The Board discussed the procedure and process for regulating large WETs in GHT. The Board instructed staff to refer to the Ordinance Review Committee to make a determination whether the ordinance should be amended to allow large WETs in the township. If it is determined an amendment should be considered, the committee will make its recommendations and forward to the Planning Commission and then the Board for consideration.
2. Clerk Buitenhuis reported that an "Electronic Poll Book" project is being pursued by the State of Michigan and Ottawa County. It was noted that the Board preferred elected officials' laptops not be used and requested staff inquire with vendors if laptops are available as demos, rental and report back to the Clerk as soon as possible.
3. The Board discussed the timing of the millage renewal for the Fire/Rescue department. Cargo expressed concern that if GHT waited for the August election and **if** the Fire/Rescue millage was denied (even though this is very unlikely), GHT would not have time to place the matter on the November ballot for another vote. This would mean that there could be no funding source for the Fire/Rescue department in FY 2011. The Board instructed staff to draft a resolution for the January 25, 2010 Board meeting for both elections, provide the Board information on costs, which election past requests have been held on and the Board will make a decision at that time.
4. Brief public comments opposing WETs were heard from Tom and Jane Eggebeen, 11338 Oak Grove Road.

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

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 amended meeting agenda, removing item 4, Approve Financial Institution/Designate Depositories for the Year 2010 from the Consent Agenda and moving to New Business. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve December 14, 2009 Board Minutes
2. Approve December 14, 2009 Closed Board Minutes
3. Approve Payment for Invoices

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to table the proposed text amendment to the Open Burning Ordinance, which regulates Open Burning on “Ozone Action!” days, as drafted (draft date 11/20/09). **Which motion carried.** This constitutes a first reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to approve the financial institutions listing for 2010, removing Michigan Commerce Bank and Paragon Bank. In addition, if any banks on the approved listing either currently or in the future, are served a Cease and Desist Order from the FDIC, staff is instructed to refrain from using that financial institution until such a time that the Order is removed. **Which motion carried.** *It is noted that the Board is not requesting immediate withdrawal of any funds in any of the institutions currently with Cease and Desist Orders.*

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed.
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Cargo noted the 2010 Local, State and National Economic Forecast presented by George Erickcek, Senior Regional Analyst for the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research on January 19th at 7:30 a.m. in the Grand Haven Community Center. Cargo requested RSVPs.
 - b. Cargo noted that the manager’s of the Northwest Ottawa Communities have met with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the extension of the Chamber’s Economic Development contact. In brief, the FY 2011 contract costs will be frozen and any future increases would be limited to the annual state Headlee COLA with the division of costs would be based on the communities Taxable Value. A contract will be brought to the full Board in the next few months.
 - c. Cargo noted that staff are collecting year-end statistics on 2009. He explained that if there any performance measurements the Board would like staff to develop, please contact him.
4. Others

IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

1. No public comments were heard.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor