

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010**

**WORK SESSION** - 6:30 p.m.

1. The Board discussed possible amendments to the so-called “chicken ordinance” and the procedure for amending the proposal. The Board agreed to reconsider the proposal during the Regular Board meeting.
2. Supervisor French discussed a proposal by the communities in Northwest Ottawa County to participate in the Michigan Municipal League “Green Communities Challenge”. The Board suggested waiting until after the Large WET ordinance has gone through the Ordinance Review Committee before making any recommendations.

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

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

**Board members absent:** Jenkins.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Human Resources Director Proksa.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve April 12, 2010 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment for Invoices in the amount of \$75,249.21
3. Approve Engineering Agreement with Prein and Newhof for Water Tower Maintenance and Painting in the amount of \$14,480 to \$16,480.

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

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Larsen to consider the proposed zoning text amendment regulating the keeping of chickens (draft date 3/16/10), which received a tie vote on April 12, 2010 on the question to approve and adopt the ordinance. **Which motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Clerk Buitenhuis to amend Section 20.16.4.B. after the word “be” by replacing “three-quarters (3/4)” with “one (1)” of the proposed zoning text amendment regulating the keeping of chickens (draft date 3/16/10), and after the phrase “that is zoned in the” by inserting “R-1,” and after the phrase “permitted by the” by inserting “R-1,” of the proposed zoning text amendment regulating the keeping of chickens (draft date 3/16/10). **Which motion carried.**

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Veach to approve and adopt the proposed zoning text amendment regulating the keeping of chickens, as previously amended. **Which motion carried,**

as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Jenkins.

**This constitutes a second reading.**

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to remove from the table the proposed Noise Ordinance amendment that allows for enforcement directed at barking dogs on parcels 20+ acres in size (draft date 4/08/10). **Which motion carried.**

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Veach to approve and adopt the proposed amendment to the Township's Noise Ordinance that allows for enforcement directed at barking dogs on parcels 20+ acres in size. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Jenkins.

This constitutes a second reading.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Worthington to approve Resolution 10-04-02 that authorizes staff to submit a Coastal Management grant application for a \$25,000 project to improve the 152<sup>nd</sup> Avenue road end and agrees to a fifty percent local match. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Jenkins.

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve Resolution 10-04-03 that replaces Section 7.15 and 7.16 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual and restates the Anti-Drug and Alcohol Abuse Policy of 1999. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Jenkins.

3. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Veach to table the proposed Zoning Text Amendment related to living quarters for human habitation, agricultural principal buildings on a lot, and agricultural structure height limitations, as drafted (draft date April 5, 2010). **Which motion carried.** This constitutes a first reading.

## VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed.
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
  - a. The March legal review was presented to the board.
  - b. A public hearing on the proposed strategic plan was scheduled for Monday, May 24, 2010.
  - c. The Board authorized GHT to participate with a new endowment fund designed to support Summer Concert events.
4. Others

## X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- R. Dale Neerken, 15950 O'Brien Court, addressed the board re: dogs barking in residential areas.

Amanda Price, 3975 Lakeridge Drive, Park Township, notified the board that she is a candidate for the 89<sup>th</sup> District.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Buitenhuis  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor