

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2010**

WORK SESSION - 6:00 p.m.

1. Cargo reviewed the Project List for 2010 with the Township Board. This is the second review of Project List in 2010.
2. It was noted that the Personnel Committee and staff were recommending that the policy year for dental and health insurance be changed to correspond with the Township's fiscal year. The Board had no objections.
3. Supervisor French discussed co-hosting the Coast Guard dinner with the Northwest Ottawa Communities (*i.e., Grand Haven, Ferrysburg, Spring Lake Village and Spring Lake Township*). The Board determined that the Board isn't interested in participating at this time.
4. The Board discussed the possibility of additional mowing of the median on U.S. 31. Staff is instructed to inquire with the Road Commission regarding costs to mow an additional time.
5. Cargo noted that the Ordinance Review Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The issue of large WETs will be discussed and a map depicting the areas where large WETs could be located will be presented.
6. Cargo noted that there are a number of political signs that are in violation of GHT's sign ordinance (*i.e., placed in public ROWs*). Campaign managers have been contacted, but the signs remain. Unless there are objections from the Board, staff will begin to remove the signs that have been placed on public property or ROWs and will cite property owners for signs on private property that violate any other provisions. The Board did not object.
7. Cargo noted that unless there are objections from the Board, he will sign an agreement with Ottawa County to receive \$23,182 in CDBG Energy Grants. The grants are expected to reduce GHT's electrical consumption by about \$4,343 annually. GHT will be responsible to comply with all federal CDBG requirements.

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:09 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present were Superintendent Cargo and Public Services Director VerBerkmoes.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve June 14, 2010 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$134,797.77
3. Appointment of Trustee Jenkins to the Personnel Committee and Treasurer Kieft as an alternate.

Motion by Trustee Jenkins and seconded by Supervisor French to approve the items listed on the Consent

Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Jenkins to remove from the table the proposed rezoning of parcel 70-07-10-200-030 from RP to LDR. **Which motion carried.**

Motion by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Jenkins to approve the request to rezone parcel 70-07-10-200-030 from RP-Rural Preserve to LDR-Low Density Residential based on the permitted uses and densities being compatible with the surrounding character, the proposed land use being consistent with the Township Master Plan, and that the necessary public services are available within 2,700 feet of this parcel. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Larsen.

This constitutes a second reading.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed a petition to abandon a portion of Hill Court and a portion of Cutler Avenue within the Swan Subdivision. Tom Palarz represented the property owner.

After discussion, the Board determined that the Board is not supportive of the vacation and instructed Manager Cargo to contact the Road Commission. Specifically, the Board focused on what appears to be a deliberate and calculated decision by the petitioner (*i.e.*, *Ralph DeYoung*) to construct a garage on a platted street right-of-way and to extend a fence almost fifty feet (50') beyond his rear lot line onto both a public right-of-way and private property.

The Board felt that it would be "rewarding" the encroachments made by Mr. DeYoung if the Board expressed support of the petition to abandon the aforementioned right-of-ways. Therefore, if the Ottawa County Road Commission determines that abandoning this right-of-way is appropriate, the Township has determined that it will retain the property for purposes of public utilities and possible future access to the east of the Swan Subdivision.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Cargo presented the May Legal Review.
 - b. Cargo presented an initial draft of the proposed "Business Plan" for FY 2010 - 2011, which is intended to implement the recently approved Board Strategic Plan.
4. Others

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None offered

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor French adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor