

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

**WORK SESSION: 6:00 p.m.** (Buitenhuis absent)

1. The Board discussed the proposed FY 2015 Budget Policies.

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor French at 7:10 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Meeusen, French, Kieft, Buitenhuis, Larsen, Hutchins, and Behm.

Board members absent: None.

Also present was Superintendent Cargo, Planner Fedewa, and Chief Gerencer.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the meeting agenda, adding discussion of scheduling a Business Planning Work Session under New Business. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve August 25, 2014 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$369,518.64 (*A/P checks of \$262,811.08 and payroll of \$106,707.56*)
3. Approve \$2,000 Watkins Ross OPEB Cost Study for Retiree Health Care "Buy Out"
4. Approve Hire of Carrie VandenBosch and Daniel Beebe as Part-time Fire/Rescue Personnel - Pursuant to Requirement of State Law

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor French opened the public hearing on the proposed Piper Lakes PUD apartment project at 7:13 p.m.

Fedewa provided a staff overview of the project and noted that the PUD application was unanimously recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Denny Churette and Mark Oppenhuizen spoke on behalf of the development group (i.e.,

HC Capital Partners IV, LLC).

Laird Schaefer, 12543 Wilderness Trail, asked questions whether there were provisions for tying the development into the bike path on 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Gary Meyer, 1817 Robbins Nest, Apt 2, asked several questions of the developer.

Supervisor French closed the public hearing at 7:34 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Meeusen to postpone further action until the September 22, 2014 Board meeting on the Piper Lakes Apartment PUD rezoning until 70-03-33-200-030 from Agricultural (AG) to Planned Unit Development (PUD). This is the first reading. **Which motion carried.**
2. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Supervisor French to approve the 2015 detailed budget assumptions and policies as delineated by the Superintendent within the September 2, 2014 memorandum and to instruct the Superintendent to proceed with completion of a 2015 Fiscal Year budget for Board review and consideration pursuant to state law and the proposed schedule. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and supported by Trustee Larsen to approve Resolution 14-09-01 that schedules a Truth-in-Tax public hearing for September 22, 2014 and proposes the additional allowable millage rate to be 0.4433. Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Buitenhuis, Larsen, Kieft, Meeusen, French, Behm, Hutchins.  
Nays: None.  
Absent: None.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Trustee Hutchins to accept the petition for the street paving of a portion of 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue and to schedule the first public hearing on September 22, 2014. **Which motion carried.**
3. The Board indicated it wants to schedule a Business Planning Work Session and bring in a facilitator. Staff was instructed to send an Agree A Date request to the full board out on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 with potential dates to schedule as soon as possible.

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
  - a. August Enforcement Report
  - b. August Construction Report & Survey Card Summary
  - c. 2008 - 2014 Human Resources Failure and Retention Report
  - d. August Public Works Report

4. Others

IX. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor