

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.

1. The Board discussed Retiree Medical Health plan and instructed staff to complete the following:
 - a. Discontinue the retiree health insurance program through a buyout of the current program of the seventeen (17) full-time, non-union staff currently covered;
 - b. Utilize the buyout figures calculated by Watkins Ross as delineated on page six of the February 5th memorandum;
 - c. Allow the employees a choice of either placing the monies in a pension account or a Retirement Health Savings Account;
 - d. Meet individually with each employee to assist them in a choice and assist the employees to avoid any potential tax liability;
 - e. Determine a pay-out period of between one and three years based upon budget considerations, employee tax liability, and other factors; and,
 - f. Prepare the necessary budget amendments to implement the aforementioned.
 - g. Report back to the Board within a month of options employees choices and appropriate paperwork.

The Board also noted that it would continue the current Retiree Medical Health plan for the four (4) current retirees and the six (6) full-time IAFF union members and instructed staff to transfer the monies necessary to cover these OPEB costs from the existing special revenue account into a trust account.

2. The Board reviewed the 2015 Project List with Superintendent Cargo and added the following amendments:
 - a. Deadline for “Review of Internal Controls” will be June of 2015; and,
 - b. Deadline for the “Purchase of hand-held GPS location device” will be July of 2015.

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: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Redick and Kieft.

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February 9, 2015 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$232,587.40 (*A/P checks of \$147,463.71 and payroll of \$85,123.69*)
3. Approve Appointment of Trustee Behm to Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending 11/30/2016
4. Approve 2015 Dust Palliative Contract with "Michigan Chloride Sales" (\$30,560)
5. Approve Contract with "Utility Financial Solutions" for 2015 Water/Sewer Cost of Service Rate Study (\$17,600)

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Behm to approve and adopt Resolution No. 15-02-02 which approves the "Explore the Grand Region: A Community Parks and Recreation Plan in Northwest Ottawa County, 2015 – 2019". **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, and French
Nays:
Absent:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by French and supported by Hutchins to enter closed session at 7:05 p.m. both to consider the contents of a written opinion from the Township attorney, and to consider the purchase or lease of real property. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, French, and Larsen
Nays:
Absent:

Motion by Larsen and supported Behm to exit closed session at 7:28 p.m. **Which motion carried**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Larsen noted that a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30 in the main conference room.
- c. Managers Report, which included:
 - i. January Legal Review

- ii. January Law Enforcement Review
- d. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) thanked staff for following through on amendments to the regional Parks and Recreation Plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Larsen and seconded by Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor