

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

**WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

1. Supervisor French discussed Committee appointments and requested input from the elected officials. French agreed to appoint Trustee Hutchins to the NORA Board and to add Trustee Redick to the Personnel Committee as an alternate. All other appointments will remain the same with a November of 2016 expiration date.
  
2. The Board reviewed a map delineating all gravel roads within the Township, which includes 18.81 miles of public gravel roads and 4.37 miles of private gravel roads. Staff noted that to surface the 8.79 miles of unpaved roads north of M-45 would cost between \$5.3 and 7.9 million (*or about 0.9 mills for fifteen years*).

The Board determined that the current road paving special assessment program, wherein the Township would pay for 50% of the cost, was sufficient and that no further action was necessary.

3. Staff noted that there were difficulties in trying to map cable and natural gas service areas within the Township due to claims of proprietary information on the part of the companies providing these services. However, some service area maps were provided for cable/Internet services and also alternatives were discussed.

The Board instructed staff to contact the natural gas company to determine their criteria for extending service and report back to the Board.

**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, Kieft, Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, and Redick.

**Board members absent:**

Also present was Manager Cargo, Human Resources Director Proksa and Accounting Director Sandoval.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve March 9, 2015 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$398,670.40 (A/P checks of \$313,126.79 and payroll of \$85,543.61)
4. Approve OCRC Project Cost Estimate Agreement for the Resurfacing of 172nd Avenue (between Comstock and Robbins Road) by the DDA (\$215,074)
5. Approve Copper Stone PUD Agreement

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

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and supported by Trustee Meeusen to approve and adopt the request to rezone parcels 70-03-33-400-011 and 70-03-33-400-012 from Agricultural (AG) to Industrial (I-1) based on the application meeting applicable zoning requirements and standards of the Grand Haven Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, Master Plan, and Future Land Use Map. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, French

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve and adopt the proposed Zoning Text Amendments Ordinance (draft date 2-6-2015) addressing clerical revisions. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, French, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and supported by Trustee Redick to postpone further action on the proposed amendment to the Retiree Health Insurance Coverage and Costs Ordinance, which will eliminate this benefit for all full-time, non-union staff, until the April 13th Board meeting. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

4. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve and adopt Resolution 15-03-01, which amends the employee pension plan to allow OPEB buyout distributions. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, French, Meeusen, Behm, Hutchins, Larsen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

5. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve and adopt Resolution 15-03-02, which creates a Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan to allow OPEB buyout distributions. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hutchins, Larsen, Kieft, French, Behm, Meeusen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

6. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and supported by Supervisor French to approve and adopt Resolution 15-03-03, which amends the FY 2015 Budget to authorize the OPEB buyout distributions. It is specifically noted that the buyout payments will be authorized by the Board at the April 13th Board meeting. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Kieft, Redick, Hutchins, French

Nays:

Absent:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Correspondence was reviewed

b. Committee Reports – Clerk Larsen noted that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

c. Manager's Report

i. February COPS Report

ii. February Legal Review

d. Others

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Clerk Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor