

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 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, Kieft, Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, and Redick.

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Auditor Vredeveld, Planner Fedewa, Ordinance Enforcement Officer Heins, and Dangerous Building Officer Nelson.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve April 13, 2015 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$139,684.02 (A/P checks of \$54,707.93 and payroll of \$84,976.09)
3. Approve Bid Specifications for Re-decking Millhouse Bayou Boardwalk.

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. Ottawa County Update, Roger Bergman, County Commissioner
2. 2014 Financial Audit, Douglas Vredeveld, CPA, Township Auditor

VII. PUBLIC HEARING – Dangerous Building (Parcel #70-03-33-300-015)

Supervisor French opened the public hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Planner Fedewa presented a history on enforcement actions and the alternative available for the Board with regard to enforcement of the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer's order.

Dangerous Building Officer Nelson noted his contacts with the property owner.

Steve Wilson (12743 Sanctuary Place) noted that he was the property owner's real estate agent and acted as her unofficial advisor. Wilson noted the lack of estate planning, the tax implications that forced the property owner to take a large loan from a bank to pay estate taxes (*which were recently paid*), the sale of a portion of the land to Shape Corporation to assist in paying the estate taxes, and the recent sale of additional land to Speedway.

Wilson acknowledged that the property owner is not engaging and tends to ignore issues rather than address these matters – including the violation of the dangerous building ordinance. A similar lack of attention has allowed large portions of the land to revert to wetlands. But, an MDEQ wetlands permit was granted that will allow a portion of the property to be developed and a drain to be relocated.

Wilson noted that there is a contract to have the buildings razed and that the process has begun with the salvage of metal. Further, the removal of the buildings and the clearing of some land for agricultural purposes are expected to begin on April 28th.

Wilson believed that 60 days would be sufficient to remove the buildings and comply with the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer's order.

Supervisor French closed the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed the various alternatives with regard to the Dangerous Building enforcement.

Motion by Supervisor French, supported by Trustee Hutchins to affirm the findings and order of the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer, with the 60 days compliance timeline being extended to 90 days (*i.e., July 27th*). **Which motion carried** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve with conditions the Final Plat of Brighamwood Subdivision No. 2 based on the submission meeting all requirements set forth in the Grand Haven Charter Township Subdivision Control Ordinance. This approval is contingent upon the following:

- a. Execution of a Special Assessment Lighting District Agreement; and,
- b. Submission of "as-built plans"

Which motion carried.

X. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Supervisor French noted that the appointment of Trustee Hutchins to

NORA would be effective after NORA's Special Meeting on April 30th.

- ii. Clerk Larsen noted that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, June 2nd at 7:30 a.m.
- c. Manager's Report
 - i. March legal review
 - ii. Cargo noted that Supervisor French had selected Anlaan Corporation for the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Recognition Luncheon and Award.
- d. Others
 - i. The Board requested Cargo compile a cost estimate to replace the existing lighted flagpole at the Lakeshore Cemetery and to install a lighted flagpole at the Historic Cemetery.
 - ii. The Board requested Cargo have the DPW replace/repair the trail markers that have been vandalized in the Hofma Park/Preserve, ASAP.
 - iii. **Without objection**, the Board instructed Cargo to purchase a banner on behalf of Grand Haven Charter Township recognizing the 225th Anniversary of the Coast Guard at an estimated price of \$250.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor