

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016**

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, Behm, Larsen, Hutchins, Redick, and Kieft.

Board members absent: Meeusen

Also present was Manager Cargo.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve the meeting. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve June 13, 2016 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$378,025.22 (*A/P checks of \$287,592.49 and payroll of \$90,432.73*)
3. Reappointment of Joy Gaasch to NOCH Board for term ending June 30, 2019

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

VI. PRESENTATION

Circuit Court Judge Jon Hulsing provided an update on the Ottawa County court system.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo noted that the Board had previously instructed staff to include ballot language on the November 8, 2016 elections for a Phase III, ten-mile extension of the Township's non-motorized pathway system. There are two different options that can be utilized by the Township on this ballot measure.

Cargo noted that either option would lead to a municipal bond to fund the estimated \$4.5 million cost of the pathway extension and highlighted the Pros and Cons of each approach.

The 0.45 mills "extra voted millage" option would lead to a limited tax general obligation bond that would provide greater flexibility (*e.g., monies not used for the*

bond could be used for maintenance); but, the millage rate could be found to be insufficient if a major recession occurred or the Legislature changed how Taxable Values are calculated.

The \$4.5 million “specified bond amount” option would lead to an unlimited tax liability bond that would ensure there is sufficient monies for any scheduled debt payment; but, the monies could only be used for the debt payment and the General Fund would remain responsible for maintenance costs.

Cargo noted that regardless of which option is selected, because of recent changes in federal securities laws the Township will be required to hire a financial consultant, that is registered with the federal government, to advise the township on the structure, repayment, sales and other terms of a municipal bond issue. The cost of this consultant will likely be about \$15k to \$20k.

In addition, the Township will also be required to hire a bond attorney that will be responsible for the legal requirements applicable with any bonds issuance. The cost of this consultant will, also, likely, cost between \$15k and \$20k.

The Board instructed Cargo to place the matter on the July 25th Board agenda for a decision.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Clerk Larsen noted that the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for July 5th at noon.
 - ii. Trustee Hutchins noted that NORA continues to search for land; but, he doesn't believe any Recreation ballot proposal will be on the November election.
- c. Manager's Report, which included:
 - i. May Legal Review
 - ii. League of Women Voters will hold a forum on July 6th for candidates seeking the Republican nomination for Grand Haven Township Supervisor starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Haven Township Board Room.
 - iii. FY 2017 Budget process will begin at the July 11th Board meeting with adoption of budget policies.
- d. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Steve Kempker, a candidate for Ottawa County Sheriff addressed the Board.
- b. Karen Miedema, a candidate for Ottawa County Circuit Court Judge addressed the Board.
- c. Judy Mulder, a candidate for Ottawa County District Court Judge addressed the

Board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor