

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 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, Meeusen and Kieft.

**Board members absent:**

Also present was Manager Cargo.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to approve the meeting with consideration of the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Services contract moved from the Consent Agenda to New Business, item four. **Which motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve July 25, 2016 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$377,477.18 (*A/P checks of \$255,813.92 and payroll of \$121,663.26*)
3. Appointment of Joy Gaasch to NOCHA Board for term ending July 1, 2019
4. Approve Gilleans Creek Drain Easement
5. Approve Promotion of Three Crew Leaders in Fire/Rescue Department

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

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve and adopt Resolution 16-08-01, which approves a bike path millage ballot proposal on the November 8, 2016 elections. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt Resolution 16-08-02, which requests repeal of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act

256 of 2011. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft

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

Absent:

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Supervisor French to present the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance concerning Non-conforming Structures in the General Regulations Chapter of the Grand Haven Charter Township Zoning Ordinance, and to postpone further action until August 22<sup>nd</sup> when the zoning text amendment will be considered for adoption and approval. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**
2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to present the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance concerning corrective rezoning of parcels 70-03-33-200-072 and 70-02-33-200-079 from Rural Residential (RR) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) and to postpone further action until August 22<sup>nd</sup> when the zoning map amendment ordinance will be considered for adoption and approval. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**
3. The Board discussed a request for financial aid from the City of Grand Haven regarding maintenance of a private road (i.e., Stickney Ridge) that is within the City of Grand Haven, but allows access to certain Township parcels.

The Board determined that the request for financial assistance would be approved for a number of reasons, including:

- Numerous City or Township properties can only be accessed by traversing roadways in the other municipality. For example, the entire City airport and the airport industrial park can only be accessed from roads within the Township. And, the Township has not requested financial assistance.
  - It could appear "heavy handed" for the Township to attempt to create a "Special Assessment District" for paving or snow plowing that was not initiated by the residents.
  - Maintenance of private roads are normally handled by agreements negotiated by the residents without the direct intervention of the Township.
  - Although many of the properties within the City have evolved into year-round residences, most of the properties within the Township remain seasonal.
4. The Board discussed a proposed agreement with the Chamber of Commerce and heard a presentation from Joy Gaasch and David Miller.

**Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Supervisor French to authorize the Township Superintendent to execute the proposed contract with the Chamber of Commerce for Economic Development Services. **Which motion carried.**

## VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
  - i. Clerk Larsen noted that the Personnel Committee will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at noon.
  - ii. Manager Cargo's performance evaluation will be held at the next Board meeting during a work session. The Work Session will begin at 5:30 p.m.
- c. Manager's Report, which included:
  - i. July Building Report
  - ii. July Ordinance Enforcement Report
- d. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laird Schaefer (*12543 Wilderness Trail*) noted that the property owners along this private road pay \$15k per year for snowplowing. He supports the Board's decision regarding Stickney Ridge.

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Redick 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