

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 25, 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 Meeusen to approve the meeting. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve July 11, 2016 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$324,380.27 (*A/P checks of \$223,687.30 and payroll of \$87,692.97*)
3. Approve the Re-Appointment of Dave Reenders to the Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2019

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and supported by Trustee Behm to approve the revised Final Preliminary Plat for Phase I of the Lincoln Pines Subdivision. **Which motion carried.**
2. The Board discussed the two proposed alternatives for the November Ballot Proposal to construct an additional 10 miles of pathway. A majority of the Board supported the “extra voted millage” option.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to approve and adopt Resolution 16-07-01, 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: Hutchins, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, French

Nays: Larsen, Kieft

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 16-07-02 that authorizes the refunding of the Build America Bonds issued in 2009 by Ottawa County on behalf of the North Ottawa Water System. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 16-07-03 that amends Section 7.22 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual authorizing the dependents of employees to utilize the Fire/Rescue facility under certain circumstances. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Hutchins

Absent:

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Correspondence was reviewed

b. Committee Reports

i. The August 1st scheduled Personnel Committee meeting is cancelled.

ii. Manager Cargo's performance evaluation will be held on August 22nd.

iii. The Township will receive a reimbursement of about \$16,600 for the March elections and \$13,500 for the May elections.

c. Manager's Report, which included:

i. June DPW Report

ii. Chamber of Commerce – Economic Development Quarterly Report

iii. PUD Minor Amendment Report

iv. **Without objection**, the Board requested that staff schedule an August 10th Joint Meeting with Planning Commission at 7:00 p.m. regarding U of M Studies

v. June Legal Review

d. Others

i. Clerk Larsen requested some further information regarding any PILOT agreement with the proposed senior housing development. Manager Cargo will provide as the zoning approval process moves forward.

ii. Trustee Meeusen discussed the potential cost savings from emailing certain bills or newsletters to residents. Manager Cargo noted that the Township began offering the option of emailed utilities bills in 2016 and currently about 100+ residents use this option. However, neither tax bills nor assessments can be emailed; but, must be mailed. This program could

be emphasized further.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Daniel and Abigail Cool (*15222 Buchanan Street*) recently purchased 2.5 acres of property. They mistakenly reviewed the zoning rules for Olive Township because they live in the “West Olive” postal zone. Olive Township zoning rules allow for one horse if a parcel is a minimum of 2.5 acres. Unfortunately, they did not realize that they actually purchased property in Grand Haven Township, which requires a minimum of 5 acres to own a horse; but, want to keep a horse on their RR zoned parcel for the warm weather months.

They requested that the zoning regulation be changed in Grand Haven Charter Township.

The matter was referred to the Planning Commission.

2. Laird Schaefer (12543 Wilderness Trail) expressed concern with the proposal of some NORA members to place a ballot initiative on the November ballot to construct a large recreational facility. Township NORA representative Trustee Hutchins expressed his opposition to placing any NORA initiative on the upcoming November elections.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor