

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016**

SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORK SESSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the special budget work session meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 5:35 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

Board members present: French, Meeusen, Kieft, and Larsen.

Board members absent: Behm, Redick, Hutchins.

Also present were Superintendent Cargo, Fire/Rescue Chief Gerencer, Assessing Director Chalifoux, Public Services Director VerBerkmoes, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Accounting Director Sandoval.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor French requested that Superintendent Cargo provide an overview of the proposed 2017 Fiscal Year budget. The Board and Staff answered questions and offered clarifications to the draft of the budget.

Staff were instructed to:

- a. Reduce the “Office and Supplies” line item for Supervisor account by \$1,000 because any tablet will be purchased in FY 2016;
- b. Increase the “Capital Outlay” line item of the Building and Grounds account to include the following:
 - i. \$83,000 to remove, reshape and repave Administrative/Fire parking lots; and,
 - ii. \$40,000 to replace the visual equipment (*e.g., the projectors, the kiosk monitors and associated control equipment that will enable the system to accept current visual input technology*). The goal is to reuse as much of the existing infrastructure as possible including wiring, microphones, etc.
- c. Examine alternatives for providing additional support for the building inspectors – especially when one is absent – during these high periods of construction activity and report back to the Board at the November 14th Board meeting;
- d. Facilitate a discussion with the elected officials/park committee members on the usage of Mercury Park in-line skating rink and consider the alternative of removing/replacing the rink with another type recreation facility if the rink’s usage is considered to be “low”;
- e. Review the traffic usage, including a traffic count, on the unpaved portion of 168th Avenue north of Lake Michigan Drive and, if this road segment is being used as a thoroughfare, consider township-funded paving;
- f. Investigate grant opportunities for the trail maintenance program at Hofma Park/Preserve;
- g. Increase the “Equipment Purchases” line item for the Police Services Fund by \$4,300 to purchase a SMART Trailer at the cost of \$9,800.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

Bob Brown (*15415 Royal Oak Drive*) noted that there needs to be a greater focus on the industrial base of the region.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen, supported by Supervisor French, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor