

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017**

**SPECIAL MEETING – 2017/2018 BUSINESS PLAN**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the special work session meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

**Board members present:** Reenders, Meeusen, Kieft, Gignac, Redick, and Larsen.

**Board members absent:** Behm.

Also present was Superintendent Cargo.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Reenders requested that issues Board members wanted to include on the 2017/18 Business Plan be discussed and the following items were offered:

1. Implementing audio recordings of all Board meetings. There was insufficient support to add this item to the proposed Business Plan. However, Larsen requested the Board to carefully review the minutes prior to adoption and to suggest any clarifying information they deemed appropriate.
2. Expanding communications with residents using social media. The Board requested that this item be added to the proposed Business plan.
3. Privatizing the Township Building department. After discussion, there was insufficient support to add this item to the proposed Business Plan. However, Larsen requested that Cargo provide additional financial information on the proposal.
4. Adopting short-term rental regulations. After discussion, the Board postponed further action for six (6) months until the City of Grand Haven and surrounding communities address the issue.
5. Economic Development and the development of industrial land. After discussion, there was insufficient support to add this item to the proposed Business Plan. However, Cargo will work with the Chamber to provide a presentation on the proposal to utilize conditional annexation (*i.e.*, Act 425) and tax base sharing to development additional industrial land.
6. Development of the so-called Witteveen and Wolf properties. It was noted that community engagement regarding the development of these parcels is part of the Business Plan; but, that planning cannot be accelerated due to other pending projects.
7. Participation in the “Disney Way” management program. After discussion, there was insufficient support to add this item to the proposed Business Plan. However, Cargo will forward some initial information on the Disney Way program and initial cost estimates for participation.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS  
None

VI. ADJOURNMENT  
**Without objection**, the work session adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor