

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2017**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders 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: Reenders, Gignac, Behm, Redick, Meeusen

Board members absent: Kieft, Larsen

Also present was Manager Cargo.

Motion by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Behm to appoint Trustee Meeusen as Temporary Clerk. **Which motion carried.**

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Redick and seconded by Trustee Gignac to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. PRESENTATION

Amy Swope – the director of the Muskegon Community College Foundation – introduced herself to the Board.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve July 6, 2017 Special Board Minutes
2. Approve July 10, 2017 Board Minutes
3. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$345,280.60 (A/P checks of
4. \$110,950.01 and payroll of \$234,330.59)
5. Approve Reappointment of Pete LaMourie and Bob Wagenmaker to the Planning Commission for terms ending August 31, 2020.
6. Approve and Execute the Brucker Beach Woods Private Road Maintenance Agreement

Motion by Trustee Gignac and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo noted that seven firms bid on this construction project with bids ranging from a high \$847,814 to a low of \$639,388. The average of the bids was about \$715k while the median was \$694k.

The Board discussed the pathway construction bids and noted that the difference

between low bid of \$639,388 and the second lowest bid of \$641,859.75 is only \$2,471.75, which is less than a 1% difference (*i.e.*, 0.38%).

The Board noted that second lowest bid is a local contractor (*i.e.*, *Schmidt Brothers Excavating*). The Board discussed awarding the contract to the local contractor and offered the following reasons:

- ✓ Because the benefit to the Grand Haven area economy of “buying local” will exceed the marginal price difference of \$2,471.75;
- ✓ Because the Township has worked with the local contractor in the past and found his work to be “good”; and,
- ✓ Because a review of the subcontractors also provides confidence regarding the ability of the local contractor to adequately perform the pathway construction work.

Motion by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Gignac to award the Buchanan and Sleeper Streets Pathway Extension project to Schmidt Brothers Excavating for the bid price of \$641,859.75, because the benefit to the local economy will exceed the marginal cost difference with the low bid, and to authorize Superintendent Cargo to execute the necessary construction contract. This decision is contingent upon a review by the Township’s legal firm affirming the Township Board’s authority to award the bid to the local firm based upon the reasons discussed. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the “Hofma Vision” development plan and to instruct staff to forward the document to the Parks and Recreation Committee for the purposes of prioritizing the \$6± million of improvements contained within the document. **Which motion carried.**
3. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Gignac to adopt Resolution 17-07-02 that adopts budget amendment for the first half of fiscal year 2017 with the contingency that the General Fund designated fund balance from parks is increased from \$250,000 to \$370,000. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Reenders, Behm, Redick, Gignac
Nays:
Absent: Kieft, Larsen

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gignac supported by Trustee Redick to present and postpone the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the rezoning of 14608 Lakeshore Drive, Parcel No. 70-03-33-300-059, from Multiple Family (R-4) to Single Family (R-1). Further action will be postponed until August 14th when the zoning map amendment ordinance will be considered for adoption and approval. **Which motion carried.** This is the first reading.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gignac supported by Trustee Behm to present and postpone the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the rezoning of Parcel No. 70-07-14-200-039 from Rural Residential (RR) to Agricultural (AG). Further action will be postponed until August 14th when the zoning map amendment ordinance will be

considered for adoption and approval. **Which motion carried.** This is the first reading.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports – The Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 3rd at 7:00 a.m.
- c. Manager’s Report
 - i. June DPW report
 - ii. Trustee Gignac recommended that staff contact comparable townships and seek input regarding an administrative policy for storm debris collection.
 - iii. Manager Cargo noted that 357 property owners had reserved a slot for curbside storm debris collection and that, as of Monday afternoon, about 220 of these reservations were completed. The tub grinding of the storm debris would begin on Tuesday at the drop-off site. Cargo noted that if the Township continued to pick-up debris past Wednesday, it might be necessary to use the Wolfe property as a temporary drop-off location and Schmidt Brothers would be required to dispose of the material from this site.
- d. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Price – State Senator Meekhof’s Local Services Director – attended the meeting and offered the senator’s services, as needed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Gignac and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin Meeusen
Grand Haven Charter Township Temporary Clerk

Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor