

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Larsen 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: Larsen, Behm, Meeusen, and Redick

Board members absent: Reenders, Kieft, and Gignac

Also present was Manager Cargo.

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to appoint Trustee Redick as President Pro Tem. **Which motion carried.**

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 8, 2018 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$235,145.97 (*A/P checks of \$135,079.71 and payroll of \$100,066.26*)
3. Approve 2018 Dust Control Contract with Michigan Chloride Sales at an estimated cost of \$33,154.

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

VI. PRESENTATION – Reimagination Station Project – City of Grand Haven Request for Financial Support

1. Sharon Behm (*15898 Ridgefield*) noted that Imagination Station was 28 years old and was built through a community initiative. A new community initiative is seeking to replace the play structure at a cost of about \$500,000. Noted that the Grand Haven area is visited by about 2.2 million people annually and that the play structure is also utilized by local residents, including busloads of school children.
2. Benjamin Ratke (*410 Grand Avenue, G. H.*) spoke in favor of supporting the play structure.
3. Katie Appold (*16083 Surrey Way, S.L.*) spoke in favor of supporting the play structure.
4. Annie Ratke (*410 Grand Avenue, G.H.*) noted that over 200 children helped design the

newly proposed play structure, focusing on people with special needs. 300 people attending the unveiling of the newly designed structure.

5. Julia Streng (*509 Lafayette, G.H.*) spoke in favor of financially supporting the play structure noting that the City had contributed \$15,000.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo noted that Treasurer Kieft has provided a letter regarding the Reimagination Station project, which Manager Cargo read. The letter expressed opposition to financially supporting the project stating that Treasurer Kieft did not believe providing Township funds to this city project was fiscally responsible because, in part, residents expect that their tax monies will be used for capital or maintenance projects within the Township.

Trustee Behm noted that the 1990 Imagination Station project had a positive impact on the community, including Township residents.

Trustee Meeusen noted that the Board needs to look at the larger community, and not only the Township.

Trustee Redick noted that this project would provide a benefit to all residents.

Motion by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to appropriate a total of \$15,000 for the repair and improvement of the Grand Haven Imagination Station and authorize the Township Superintendent to execute an appropriate agreement with the City for the same. **Which motion carried.**

2. Trustee Behm noted that although the proposed E-Commerce Zone would not devastate brick-and-mortar businesses, it would put another crack in the foundation of brick-and-mortar stores.

Motion by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Redick to instruct staff to create an E-Commerce Exchange Zone at a cost of approximately \$2,200 – which includes the purchase and installation of two 4k video surveillance cameras and signage – and to inform the public of the location that can be used to exchange used on-line merchandise and as an exchange location for children from blended families. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Redick, Larsen, Meeusen

Nays: Behm

Absent: Reenders, Kieft, Gignac

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 18-01-01, authorizing updates to the Employee and Board Recognition program. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Behm, Meeusen, Redick

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Kieft, Gignac

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Trustee Redick noted that NORA and the YMCA are excited about recommendations from the Recreation Task Force and appear to be collaborating.
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. Manager Cargo noted that a Headlee Override vote is not needed to restore the allocated millage to it 1 mill level. Rather, because the Charter Township was not approved by a vote of the residents, the levy of the 1 mill allocated is controlled by the County Allocation Board and can be affirmed during the Truth in Taxation public hearing. An opinion from Attorney Bultje is forthcoming.
- c. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Ron Redick
Grand Haven Charter Township President Pro Tem