

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**

**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:** Redick, Larsen, Meeusen, Kieft, Behm, and Reenders

**Board members absent:** Gignac

Also present was Manager Cargo, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Public Services Director VerBerkmoes.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve September 24, 2018 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$821,512.32 (*A/P checks of \$717,468.30 and payroll of \$104,044.02*)
3. Approve Hire of Part-time Fire Fighter James Shaw
4. Approve Schmidt Bros. Excavating Bid for Removal of Mercury Park In-Line Skate Rink (*\$17,410*)
5. Approve Engineering Agreement for 2019 Pathway Extension with Prein and Newhof (*\$375,500*)

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

VI. PRESENTATION – Dangerous Building Officer Ray Nelson on Passow Enforcement

Dangerous Building Officer Nelson explained that he did not find the home to be dangerous and believed that the Dangerous Building Ordinance should not have been used in this instance.

Manager Cargo agreed that this was not a suitable situation for the Dangerous Building. However, the decision was made because basement support columns were missing, and trusses were known to have been cut; which was believed to create a danger insomuch as it would impact the “*structural strength*” of the home pursuant to the ordinance.

Mr. & Mrs. Passow and their real estate representative (*i.e.*, *Reynolds*) noted that all of the unpermitted construction work was completed by the previous home owner – who was a licensed builder. Except for a few items, the Township’s electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspectors have approved the unpermitted work by conducting a basic “safety inspection”.

Manager Cargo noted that an enforcement letter would be forwarded ASAP that delineates the outstanding issues – focusing on any structural deficiencies. Further, the letter will recommend that Mr. & Mrs. Passow hire a structural engineer to verify the sufficiency of the unpermitted structural modifications to their home.

The Board did not object to this approach to resolve the unpermitted construction work.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm authorizing the Board audit policy, as submitted. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Larsen, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders  
Nays:  
Absent: Gignac

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Redick to postpone further action on the Right-of-Way work amendment to the Water System Ordinance until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**
2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to postpone further action on the Right-of-Way work amendment to the Sewer Usage and Administration Ordinance until October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
  - i. Personnel Committee will meet on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
  - ii. Parks and Recreation Committee will meet on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Manager’s Report
  - i. September Building Report
  - ii. September Enforcement Report
  - iii. Manager Cargo noted that the Budget Work Session is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Rich Houtteman (*Port Sheldon Township*) introduced himself as the new Lakeshore Community Affairs Manager for Consumers Energy.
- b. Brett Tompkins (*120421 Gaddini Court*) demanded that the Township fund 100% of the paving of all gravel roads in the Township before spending monies on any other “utopian projects”.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor