

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019**

**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.

**Motion** by Trustee Behm supported by Trustee Gignac to appoint Trustee Redick as President Pro Tem for the Board meeting. **Which motion carried.**

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Also, present was Manager Cargo.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve April 22, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$805,778.06 (*A/P checks of \$581,803.25 and payroll of \$223,974.81*)

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Public comments on the proposed Grand River Waterways dredging project included the following:

- Marjie Viveen (*14861 Mercury Drive*) lives on the Grand River and encouraged the Township to oppose the proposed Grand River Waterways dredging project citing concerns regarding shore erosion.
- Shannon Donley (*15857 Brucker Street*) is a kayaker and is opposed to the proposed Grand River Waterways dredging project citing concerns with wetland degradation.
- Chrys Moelter-Gray (*13243 Forest Park Drive*) urged adoption of a resolution to oppose the proposed Grand River Waterways dredging project. At a recent Earth Day event, they had a table sharing problems with the dredging project.
- Mary Jane Belter (*16245 Ferris Street*) is a member of the Township Parks and

Recreation Committee and a member of the NORA Board. She urged opposition to the proposed dredging project and noted that the survey provided was not valid and that the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department would have increased costs if the project were approved.

- Susan Robertson (*13252 Hidden Creek Drive*) urges opposition to the proposed Grand River Waterways dredging project citing numerous environmental and cost concerns.
- Joan Bailey (*14851 Mercury Drive*) is a waterfront owner and is opposed to the proposed dredging project citing environmental concerns and erosion.

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt Resolution 19-05-01 opposing the Grand River Waterways dredging project. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Reenders

- Tracy Reed (*14276 Virginia Way*) opined that the Township should negotiate costs with waste haulers and was is unhappy with the Republic Services cost increase.

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Gignac to approve Resolution 19-05-02 approving a one-year license agreement with Waste Management of Michigan for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Gignac, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, Larsen

Nays:

Absent: Reenders

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gignac supported by Trustee Behm to authorize the Township Manager to execute a three-year contract with Plummer's Environmental for Sanitary Sewer Televising and Cleaning at an estimated cost of \$121,342.55. **Which motion carried.**

## VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
  - a. Clerk Larsen noted that there will be a Personnel Committee on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
  - b. Trustee Redick noted that the Parks & Recreation Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
2. Manager's Report
  - a. Manager Cargo noted there will be an All-Employee meeting on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
  - b. Manager's reports were offered (*i.e., 20-19 Project List, April Building Report, April Ordinance Enforcement Report, April Public Services Report and March Legal Review*)

- c. Staff will begin the process to allow the Board to change existing AG zoning on under-sized lots in the Lincoln Farms Estate development.
- 3. Others
  - a. Trustee Meeusen noted that the Township should consider an Ethics Policy for elected officials and requested this be placed as an agenda items during an upcoming work session.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- a. Chrys Moelter-Gray (*13243 Forest Park Drive*) discussed Extended Grace – a nonprofit working closely with Ottawa County – addressing mental health needs within the Community. Material on upcoming events was provided to the elected officials.
- b. Laird Schafer (*12543 Wilderness Trail*) expressed concern regarding increased call volume related to the Village at Rosy Mound and Health Pointe. Opined that the Township should seek reimbursement because of the high call volumes.
- c. Susan Robertson (*13252 Hidden Creek Drive*) expressed appreciation toward Clerk Larsen and Deputy Clerk DeVerney for actively encouraging residents to be placed on the permanent AV voting list prior to the 2020 elections.

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Ron Redick  
Grand Haven Charter Township President Pro Tem