

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019**

WORK SESSION – 6:30 P.M.

The Board discussed ordinance enforcement of parking in the Northeast quadrant of the Township. Community Development Director Fedewa reviewed a memorandum regarding parking regulations. Community Development Director Fedewa noted that these lots are often older and smaller; that some homes have created parking areas within the ROW; that staff are looking for a solution rather than only enforcement; and, the proposals offered are similar to those adopted by Spring Lake Village.

Public comments included:

1. An email from Mat and Bard Whitney (*15130 Deremo*) supporting change to allow parking within the ROW and preserves the appearance and safety of the neighborhood.
2. Amanda Shumaker (*15191 155th Avenue*) noted that her family has 4 adults and vehicles and needs some relief.
3. Dan Tlachac (*15333 Cherry Street*) is concerned with clear vision and public safety as related to the proposed new rules.
4. Corban VanHall (*15127 154th Avenue*) has five adults in the household and wants to allow parking on grass.
5. Eric Tlasma (*15191 155th Avenue*) has to juggle three cars and wants to have the option to park in the ROW.

Supervisor Renders questioned if the Ottawa County Road Commission would require a permit for parking spaces in the ROW and directed staff to discuss with the OCRC.

Trustee Behm noted that there should be limits on the number of vehicles (*e.g. two*); but, supports the amendments proposed.

Trustee Redick generally supports the amendments; but noted the following:

1. Should be limitations on the number of vehicles – perhaps a sliding scale;
2. Should include a setback from the paved surface (*e.g., sufficient to open a vehicle door*);
3. Should protect a clear vision area for drives and intersections;
4. Fees should be lower for renewals.

Manager Cargo noted that at the previous Board meeting a resident was asking for increased parking enforcement and the Board should understand that any solution will not make everyone “happy”. Most Township regulations are drafted to preserve property values. Also, fees should cover basic costs; but that renewal fees should be less.

Clerk Larsen asked how the Township would handle enforcement while an ordinance was being drafted. Manager Cargo noted that he would place a moratorium on enforcement for parking in the right-of-way for those areas that did not have curb and gutter. Other parking regulations would remain in effect. Community Development Director Fedewa opined that the adoption of new regulations would take about 90 days.

Township staff were instructed to draft a parking ordinance pursuant to the instructions received and bring the draft to a Board work session.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: Meeusen

Also, present was Manager Cargo, Fire/Rescue Chief Gerencer, Human Resource Director Dumbrell, and Community Development Director Fedewa.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. RETIREMENT PRESENTATION

Fire/Rescue Captain Schrader provided a retirement presentation for part-time fire fighters Randy Poel (*24-years of service*) and Bob Aylsworth (*16-years of service*).

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve July 8, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$291,040.17 (*A/P checks of \$189,927.65 and payroll of \$101,112.52*)
3. Approve Bids for Cemetery Expansion (*Construction Completion June 1, 2020*)
4. Approve Sale of Surplus Fire/Rescue Equipment (*\$2,800 estimated value*)
5. Approve Bid for Crosswalk Painting (*2-years @ \$9,658/year*)

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

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the rezoning of Lincoln Farms Drive Lots C, D, and F – K from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). This is a second reading. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Redick, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent: Meeusen

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Gignac to approve Resolution 19-07-02 authorizing the Township Manager or designee to sign updated contracts from Consumers Energy reflecting the reduced rates for LED streetlighting replacement. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
 Ayes: Behm, Gignac, Redick, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen
 Nays:
 Absent: Meeusen
3. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve Resolution 19-07-03 that adopts the 2nd quarter budget amendments for fiscal year 2019. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
 Ayes: Kieft, Reenders, Behm, Gignac, Larsen, Redick
 Nays:
 Absent: Meeusen
4. **Motion** by Trustee Gignac supported by Clerk Larsen to authorize staff to progress with the HGAC bid from Seagrave and to purchase a 2020 Fire/Rescue Engine at a cost not to exceed \$655,000. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to authorize the Township Superintendent to execute an amendment to the Township's 457 Program, which allows all permanent, full-time and part-time employees to participation in the 457 Program. **Which motion carried.**
2. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Clerk Larsen to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with Vallier Fence Company to install a fence, pursuant to the bid specification, around Section 2 of the proposed Schmidt Heritage Park at a cost of \$25,697. Execution of the agreement is contingent upon the Township and Schmidt closing on the land donation agreement. **Which motion carried.**
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to that the six subdistricts of the Mercury Drain be established as a single county Drain district under Chapter 20 of the Drain Code. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report
 - a. Manager Cargo noted his management decisions regarding painting the administrative complex and replacing the drain in the DPW building.
 - b. Manager Cargo noted Attorney Bultje would be at the August 12th Board work session to discuss short-term rental regulations. The work session will be held in the Board room.
3. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Craig Yoas (*16620 Pine Dunes Court*) opined that the connector between Lincoln Street and Ferris should be placed within the US-31 right-of-way and completed in 2019 and that the pathways were not being adequately maintained.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor