

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

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: Gignac, Behm, Reenders, Redick, Meeusen, Kieft

Board members absent: Larsen

Also present was Manager Cargo, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Deputy Treasurer Larrison.

Motion by Trustee Behm and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to appoint Treasurer Kieft as Temporary Township Clerk. **Which motion carried.**

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 September 9, 2019 Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$404,369.00 (*A/P checks of \$285,860.38 and payroll of \$118,508.62*)
3. Approve PUD Amendment – Lincoln Pines Condominiums pursuant to the December 2, 2018 approved site plan

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

VI. PRESENTATION

Barbara Lee VanHorssen of Extended Grace (*aka Momentum Center*) provided a PowerPoint presentation on services provided to create a stigma free community. The presentation also included outcome statistics that indicated success.

In response to questions from Trustee Meeusen it was noted that Extended Grace is a 501(c)(3) organization; that their operations budget is about \$250k; that they have three full-time and one part-time staff; and, that the Board is selected through a process that emphasizes diversity among the nine Board members.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Supervisor Reenders opened the 2019 “Truth in Taxation” public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Deputy Treasurer Larrison provided an overview of the proposed 2019 millage rates noting that because of the voter approved Headlee Override Election in 2018, the Township millage rate will be increased from the 4.5861 mills to 4.7192 mills.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Reenders closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Gignac to adopt Resolution 18-09-04 approving the levy of additional allowable millage rate of 0.2739 and authorizing Supervisor and Clerk to sign the L-4029 2018 Tax Rate Request. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Larsen

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed the proposed parking amendment regulations for small lots in the Northeast quadrant of the Township. It was specifically noted that the regulations will only apply to small lots of 20,000 square feet or less.

The Board requested two changes to the draft, including (1) page 3, section 3(B) to clarify that the improvement is completed by the property owner; and (2) the require “border” is better defined.

Motion by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Behm to postpone further action on adding the Northeast Quadrant parking exemption permit to the Road Rights-of-Way Ordinance until October 14th. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

2. Craig Yoas (*16620 Pine Dunes Court*) spoke against the proposed Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance and opined that the Township's pathways should be considered sidewalks.

Motion by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Redick to postpone further action on the proposed Sidewalk Maintenance Ordinance until the October 14th Board meeting. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

3. Treasurer Kieft questioned how the Township would fund any improvements to the Schmidt Heritage Park. Manager Cargo noted that the Phase I improvements to the park are being defined and will be brought before the full Board. However, even with the designated General Fund monies and local donations, it is expected that a millage rate increase will be brought before the Township voters (*e.g., 2021*)

Motion by Trustee Redick supported by Supervisor Reenders to adopt Resolution 18-09-05 adding the so-called “Schmidt Farm” to the Township’s parks system. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Larsen

X. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports

i. Personnel Committee will meet Wednesday, September 25th at 7:00 a.m.

ii. NORA Board will meet on Thursday, September 26th at 5:30 p.m.

b. Manager’s Report

i. August DPW Report

ii. Manager Cargo noted that the Double Chip and Seal actual construction costs were about 14% below estimate for the Warner Street East SAD and about 7.5% below for the Warner Street West SAD.

c. Others - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

William Kieft III
Grand Haven Charter Temporary Township Clerk

Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor