

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020**

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. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent:

Also, present was Manager Cargo, Public Services Director VerBerkmoes, Community Development Director Fedewa, Human Resources Director Dumbrell, Finance Director Andrea Sandoval, and Auditor Doug Vredeveld.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda.

Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Agenda Items Only)

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on agenda items was now opened.

Manager Cargo noted that if any member of the public would like to comment on an Agenda item, they may now text your comments via Facebook live stream found at <https://www.facebook.com/GHTownship/>; email bcargo@ght.org; or call (616) 402-0350 when prompted. Comments through the phone are limited to three (3) minutes.

After waiting an appropriate period, no public comments were offered.

Supervisor Reenders announced that the period for public comments on agenda items was now closed.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve May 11, 2020, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$246,982.82 (A/P checks of
3. \$137,949.60 and payroll of \$109,033.22)
4. Approve Low Bid for Ferris Street Watermain/Pathway Relocation Project – Schmidt Excavating (\$158,076)
5. Approve Low Bid for Lakeshore Pathway Modular Block Retaining Wall Project – Brookview Landscaping (\$76,820)

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VI. AUDITORS 2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Financial Auditor Doug Vredevelde (CPA) reviewed the 2019 finance report with the elected officials. The auditor provided a “good, clean” opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Township.

Manager Cargo noted that the General Fund unrestricted fund balance increased above the target established by the full Board. That said, these monies could be used in response to the revenue losses and additional expenses attributable to COVID-19 pandemic during the current fiscal year.

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm to accept the 2019 Financial Audit as presented. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VII. PUBLIC HEARING – Liquor License Application – Hayes Street Liquor, LLC
Supervisor Reenders opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Manager Cargo reviewed the application noting that the State of Michigan will allow the Township up to ten (10) licenses for the sale and consumption of alcohol on-premise (*e.g., restaurants, etc.*). Currently, the Township only has four (4) on-premise licenses, meaning that up to six (6) additional licenses could be granted by the Township.

This hearing is to review a liquor license application from Hayes Street Liquor, LLC, that would be used in conjunction with the now bankrupt Grand Haven Nine Movie Theatre. Hayes Street Liquor, LLC plans to either reopen or lease the theatre to another company.

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The applicant is represented by Attorney Keith Walker, who affirmed on behalf of his client that the liquor license application was for the “*sole purpose of conducting on-site sales of beer, wine, and liquor in conjunction with the operation of a movie theater*”.

No additional public comments were offered.

Supervisor Reenders closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 20-05-02, which recommends issuance of a liquor license for Hayes Street Liquor, LLC based upon an application that meets all requirements of the Township's Liquor Control License Ordinance and based upon the Board's determination that the applicant complies with the restrictions set forth in paragraph 2.A through 2.M of said ordinance. This approval is contingent upon the applicant executing both the letter and affidavit. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. Community Development Fedewa notes that COVID-19 has transformed the world we live in. This has resulted in the Stay Home Stay Safe Order from the Governor that has negatively impacted many businesses. In particular, the restaurant industry has been hit exceptionally hard.

Several restaurants have contacted the Township to inquire about establishing Outdoor Dining to help jumpstart their ability to serve diners again when the Stay Home Order begins to be lifted for the restaurant industry.

Motion by Treasurer Kieft seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve Resolution 20-05-04 to waive the special land use requirements for Outdoor Dining to help local restaurants operate amid the COVID-19 pandemic. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Supervisor Reenders noted that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission may be allowing the outdoor sale of liquor at existing liquor retail establishments.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports

✓ Clerk Larsen notes that the Personnel Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m.

b. Manager's Report, which included:

✓ April Public Services Report

✓ Manager Cargo noted that the Governor extended the Stay at Home Executive Order until Mid-June and that the Township lobby will open for the public on Tuesday, June 16th.

c. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on non-agenda items was now opened.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor