

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020**

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

Supervisor Reenders called the work session meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 6:04 p.m.

Mr. Remenar presented his complaint that he was “*substantially harmed*” by “*willful and deceptive*” statements from the Community Development Director regarding seawalls and his shoreline erosion project. Mr. Remenar believes that the Township should make him financially whole regarding the additional \$100k that he believes he was forced to spend on his shoreline erosion project.

Further, Mr. Remenar opined that the Manager responses to his questions and concerns were “evasive”. In addition, the January 8<sup>th</sup> letter in the Board package was not sent; rather the January 15<sup>th</sup> letter that he provided was mailed.

Manager Cargo acknowledged his error and apologized for including a draft letter in the timeline rather than the initial letter sent to Remenar.

Discussion ensued with Board members and the Attorney expressing opinions regarding communications with Remenar (*or his engineer*) and responded to certain questions raised.

The Board did not agree with financially compensating Mr. Remenar based upon his engineer’s single phone conversation with the Community Development Director in June of 2019.

The Board requested that staff forward (1) an explanation of the difference between the draft letter and initial letter sent on January 15<sup>th</sup>; and, (2) language from the Master Plan and/or draft Zoning Ordinance that led the Community Development Director to dissuade hardened structures along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

**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, Larsen, Behm, Gignac, Meeusen, Kieft, Redick

**Board members absent:**

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

III. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

**Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Gignac to approve the meeting

agenda. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Reenders, Larsen, Behm, Gignac, Meeusen, Kieft, Redick  
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](mailto: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 additional 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 June 8, 2020, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$234,163.12 (*A/P checks of \$127,913.44 and payroll of \$106,249.68*)
3. Approve Bid for Hofma Park Pump Station Generator (*\$64,400*)

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Behm 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. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 20-06-03 approving a petition for maintenance and improvement of the Grand Oaks Subdivision #3 Drain, including extending and/or adding branches and adding lands to the Drain. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports

- ✓ Clerk Larsen noted that the next Personnel Committee meeting would be held on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m.
- ✓ Trustee Redick noted that NORA will be meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Manager's Report, which included:
  - ✓ May Public Services Report
  - ✓ Manager Cargo noted that work on the FY 2021 budget has begun. The July 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will include both the (a) FY2020 six-month budget amendments; and, (b) the FY2021 budget policies memo.
- c. Others - Discussion was held on upcoming Board meetings. Manager Cargo noted that authorization for remote electronic meetings has been extended through July. Discussion was held on the July 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and the Board directed staff to either use the Fire/Rescue station with a leased sound system or, if possible, the High School auditorium.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on non-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](mailto:bcargo@ght.org); or call (616) 402-0350 when prompted. Comments through the phone are limited to three (3) minutes.

1. On the Facebook live feed – Jenna Wenger stated she was disappointed that work on STRs was being delayed.

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

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

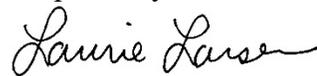
**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor