

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Larsen called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:28 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Board members present: Larsen, Kieft, Behm, Redick

Board members absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

Also, present were Manager Cargo, Undersheriff Weiss, Human Resources Director Dumbrell, Finance Director Sandoval and Deputy Treasurer Larrison.

Motion by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Behm to appoint Trustee Redick as President Pro Tempore. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, Larsen, Behm, Redick

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda.

Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Redick, Behm, Larsen, Kieft

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (*Agenda Items Only*)

President Pro Tem Redick 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 could indicate their desire to speak by clicking the “wave” function on the ZOOM toolbar ... or physically wave to get the attention of the ZOOM moderator.

There being no public comments, President Pro Tem Redick announced that the period for public comments on agenda items was now closed.

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve August 24, 2020, Regular Board Minutes

2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$576,536.33 (*A/P checks of \$344,535.06 and payroll of \$232,001.27*)

Motion by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Behm to approve the items listed on the

Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Kieft, Redick, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo stated that the last amendment to the contract with the Sheriff's Department occurred in 2007 when a deputy was added. During the past thirteen (13) years, reported incidents within the Township – both civil and criminal – have increased from 1,163 to 2,782 – an increase↑ of about 139%.

Moreover, when school is out-of-session and the COPS officer would be assigned to the Township, the number of calls increase by about 100 calls monthly.

The attached amends the existing contract with the Sheriff's department to increase coverage by 13% – i.e., 0.33 FTEs. Further, because this additional 0.33 FTE will be covered by the existing Police SAD millage – which is 0.55 mills – there will be no increase in taxes.

Undersheriff Weiss noted that this proposal was an effective means to increase coverage during the busiest times.

Motion by Treasurer Kieft seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve an amendment to the Agreement for Sheriff's Services to increase coverage from 3.33 sheriff officers to 3.76 officers at an additional cost of about \$41,500 for the upcoming fiscal year. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Redick, Kieft, Larsen

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo explained a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Ottawa County and two area funeral homes regarding the cremation and burial of unclaimed bodies.

Motion by Treasurer Kieft seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding for Unclaimed Bodies within Ottawa County and to authorize the Township Superintendent to execute the agreement on behalf of Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, Redick, Behm, Larsen

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft seconded by Clerk Larsen to adopt Resolution 20-09-01 which schedules the "Truth in Taxation" Public Hearing for September 28, 2020 and proposed the additional millage rate of 0.0875 mills for a proposed total of 4.7038 mills.

Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Redick, Kieft, Larsen, Behm

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

3. Discussion was held on holiday lighting options at the Administrative Building. The Board members expressed support for the concept; but requested additional details on ownership of the decorations and more detail on the Mattson Landscaping proposal.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Manager's Report, which included:
 - ✓ August Building Report.
 - ✓ August Ordinance Enforcement Report.
 - ✓ July Legal Review.
- c. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Pro Tem Redick announced that a period for public comments on non-agenda items was now opened.

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There being no public comments, President Pro Tem Redick announced that the period for public comments on agenda items was now closed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Redick, Behm, Larsen, Kieft

Nays:

Absent: Reenders, Meeusen, Gignac

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Ron Redick
Grand Haven Charter President Pro Tempore