

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013**

WORKSESSION

- Chris Veenstra from Watkins Ross provided to the Board a presentation on its OPEB (Other Post Retirement Benefits). The Board will discuss options/alternatives of the plan at a future work session.

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

Board members present: Kieft, Buitenhuis, French, Larsen, Hutchins, Meeusen, Behm.

Board members absent: None.

Also present were Manager Cargo, Director of Assessing and Accounting Chalifoux, and Fire/Rescue Chief Gerencer.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the amended meeting agenda, adding a discussion on the City of Grand Haven's request for funding for the July 4th fireworks as item 6 under New Business. **Which motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve May 13, 2013 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$180,461.60 (AP of \$90,218.45 and PR of \$90,243.15)

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

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt the proposed Fireworks ordinance that regulates the use of consumer fireworks and

establishes penalties for the violations. This constitutes a second reading. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

Ayes: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Hutchins, Behm, Buitenhuis, Kieft.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the proposed Open Burning Ordinance amendment that prohibits open burning and the use of commercial fireworks during periods of extreme fire danger as determined by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This constitutes a second reading.

Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Buitenhuis, Larsen, Behm, French, Kieft, Hutchins, Meeusen.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

3. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and supported by Trustee Meeusen to approve and adopt the proposed Code Enforcement Ordinance amendments that allow for a \$50 fine for the initial violation of the Fireworks Ordinance. This constitutes a second reading.

Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hutchins, Meeusen, French, Buitenhuis, Larsen, Kieft, Behm.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

4. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and supported by Trustee Behm to approve a four-year proposal with Vredeveld Haefner LLC to provide the annual financial audit for the Township and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the annual engagement letters. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

Ayes: Kieft, Larsen, Behm, French, Meeusen.

Nays: Hutchins, Buitenhuis.

Absent: None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Supervisor French to provide a first reading to the proposed zoning ordinance amendment decreasing the required level of fence opacity from a maximum of 25% to a maximum of 50% in Grand Haven Charter Township and to postpone further action to adopt the ordinance until the June 10, 2013 Board meeting. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and supported by Trustee Larsen to approve Resolution 13-05-02, to authorize issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2013. **Which motion carried.** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Hutchins, French, Behm, Kieft, Larsen.

Nays: Buitenhuis.

Absent: None.

Buitenhuis noted she was opposed as local vendors were not considered by staff.

3. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to authorize Superintendent Cargo to execute an agreement for the services of Attorney Jim White of Mika Meyers Beckett & Jones as Township's bond counsel for the purposes of refunding the Township's Building Authority Bonds at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
 Ayes: Behm, Hutchins, Meeusen, Kieft, Larsen, French.
 Nays: Buitenhuis.
 Absent: None.

4. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Treasurer Kieft to authorize Superintendent Cargo to execute an engagement letter for the services of Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. as the Placement Agent for the purposes of refunding the Township's Building Authority Bonds at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
 Ayes: Larsen, Hutchins, French, Kieft, Meeusen, Behm.
 Nays: Buitenhuis.
 Absent: None.

5. The Board deferred discussion on a proposed settlement related to the Risko Enforcement until the ZBA members could be in attendance. The discussion will be held at the June 10, 2013 work session. Staff was requested to send an Outlook invitation to the board and ZBA members.

6. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve a \$10,000 contribution toward the Grand Haven July 4th Fireworks event and instructed staff to prepare the necessary budget amendment for inclusion in the initial FY 2013 budget amendments expected in June. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
 Ayes: Buitenhuis, Larsen, Meeusen, French, Hutchins.
 Nays: Kieft, Behm.
 Absent: None.

The Board noted that the intent is for 1 year; the Board desires collaboration between the communities in future years.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Monthly Legal Report
 - b. Monthly COPS Report
 - c. 27th Annual Business Recognition Award, RSVP for June 19th at 11:45 a.m.
4. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Larsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor