

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013**

WORKSESSION – 5:00 p.m.

1. **Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to enter closed session for the purposes of hearing a complaint against an elected official. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to reconvene from closed session at 7:03 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor French called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:05 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 and Director of Assessing and Accounting Chalifoux.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Larsen to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve June 10, 2013 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$220,006.21 (A/P checks of \$127,979.07 and payroll of \$92,027.14)
3. Approve Appointment of Joy Gaasch to North Ottawa Community Hospital Board for a term of office ending July 1, 2016 to replace Jane Toot.

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and supported by Trustee Larsen to adopt Resolution 13-06-01 that adopts the June budget amendments for fiscal year 2013. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to authorize the township Superintendent to execute additional tree maintenance contracts with the Ottawa County Road Commission at an estimated \$24,890 for crack sealing and an estimated \$138,320 for additional Hot-Mix-Asphalt (HMA) Overlay work. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

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

Nays: Buitenhuis.

Absent: None.

Buitenhuis noted she was opposed as part of the monies in the budget was coming as a General Fund transfer and the transfer could be reduced by the lower actual bid. In addition, 152nd is not a subdivision road and she didn't want to set a precedence that the township is willing to resurface non-subdivision streets.

3. The Board instructed staff contact the property owners regarding easements for the 172nd Avenue Bike Path extension and get back with the board at the July 8, 2013 meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Larsen to adopt Resolution 13-06-02, which approves and adopts a set of building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical fees as developed through a collaborative effort with the Northwest Ottawa Communities. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

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

Nays: Buitenhuis.

Absent: None.

Buitenhuis noted she was opposed as some of the fee increases were excessive (most over 50% and some over 300%).

2. The Board moved the Extended Public Comment section prior to going into Closed Session. Laird Schaefer, 12543 Wilderness Trail, expressed concerns over erosion at Buchanan Beach and that the access is hazardous. He suggested applying for a grant to build a boardwalk, etc. to make the beach access more accessible. Staff was

instructed to talk to the Road Commission about bringing sand in to fill the erosion as a short-term solution.

3. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Trustee Behm to enter closed session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with the Township Attorney concerning pending litigation. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Kieft, Buitenhuis, Larsen, Behm, Meeusen, French, Hutchins.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to reconvene from closed session at 7:43 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to allow Director of Assessing and Accounting Chalifoux to be in closed session. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: French, Larsen, Meeusen, Hutchins, Behm, Buitenhuis, Kieft.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion by Trustee Hutchins and supported by Trustee Behm to enter closed session at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of consulting with the Township Attorney concerning pending litigation. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, Buitenhuis, Larsen, Behm, Meeusen, French, Hutchins.
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to reconvene from closed session at 8:30 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

4. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Behm to instruct Scholten Fant to file suit in Ingham County Circuit Court to compel the return of the refunds relating to the Star Heaven/Redstar Shores/Eydes tax matter. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Manager's Report
 - a. MTA "Leadership Team Symposium" on August 15th and 16th at Crystal Mountain – it was noted Supervisor French, Manager Cargo, and Trustee Hutchins would be attending.
 - b. May Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Report – Trustee Larsen requested that a COPS officer attend the board meeting on a monthly basis to update the board.
4. Others

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor