

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013**

**WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.**

1. **Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to enter closed session at 6:06 p.m. for the purposes of hearing a complaint against an elected official, and allowing Clerk Buitenhuis' attorney to be present. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** Larsen, Hutchins, French, Kieft, Behm, Buitenhuis

**Nays:** None.

**Absent:** Meeusen.

**Motion** by Trustee Hutchins and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to reconvene from closed session at 6:58 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 7:03 p.m.

A moment of silence was held in memory of former Trustee Tom Jenkins.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

**Board members absent:** Meeusen.

Also present were Manager Cargo and Fire/Rescue Chief Gerencer.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Larsen to approve the meeting agenda, adding discussion of a DISC personality assessment under Other. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve August 12, 2013 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$178,953.84 (A/P checks of \$100,523.21, Tax Refund of \$2,638.76 and payroll of \$75,791.87)

**Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PRESENTATION

Deputy Biros provided a brief update on the Township's Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) program.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Clerk Buitenhuis to approve and adopt the proposed rezoning of parcel 70-07-12-300-038 to Agriculture (AG) based on the proposed land use being an appropriate "warehousing" of the uses recommended by the Township Master Plan, that the number of existing non-conformities will be reduced, and that the required public services necessary to serve the AG zoning classification are available. This is considered to be the second reading. **Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:**

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Meusen.

2. The Board discussed the proposed exception to the Private Road Ordinance from Brock Hesselsweet.

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve an exception to the Private Road Ordinance Section 6 f. (i.e., allowing a building permit for one additional new lot on a private road that does not comply with all standards) pursuant to Section 7. This will allow a parcel to be divided, creating one additional residential lot. This exception is granted pursuant to the following findings:

- a. The strict application of the literal terms of the Ordinance would impose an undue hardship on the applicant, since the cost to bring Terry Trails into compliance with the Ordinance would be substantial, and the benefit of bringing this section of Terry Trails into compliance with the Ordinance would be limited (*i.e., Terry Trails currently adequately serves 32 parcels, and there is no basis to conclude that a 33rd lot would place an undue burden on the private road*).
- b. This section of Terry Trails wherein approved lots would access the roadway is fairly level.
- c. This section of Terry Trails is paved and of sufficient width that two vehicles can readily pass by one another.
- d. This section of Terry Trails has no sharp turns in excess of 60 degrees.
- e. That emergency vehicles can adequately access the property because the road is paved, sufficiently wide to allow fire apparatus to readily ingress, the lots are at the bottom of the hill which minimizes access concerns, and a recorded maintenance agreement exists that ensure the continued maintenance.
- f. Granting the exception for the parcel at issue would not alter the essential character of the neighborhood surroundings.
- g. That the residential unit to be constructed will meet the requirements of all other applicable state and township regulations.
- h. That, as a condition of the approval, the owner will be required to install a residential sprinkling system for the purposes of fire suppression. This condition

is required in order to mitigate the increased non-conformity that this exception will create on this section of private roadway, including an increased fire load that is not offset by a municipal water system to assist with fire suppression.

It is noted that this exception does not relieve the property owner from meeting all other environmental, building and zoning requirements that may arise during the course of the home construction. **Which motion failed**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Hutchins, Buitenhuis, Larsen.  
Nays: Kieft, Behm, French.  
Absent: Meusen.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French supported by Trustee Behm to give final authorization for the fire chief to purchase 2 complete cardiac monitor defibrillators at a price of \$29,000 each from Zoll Medical Corporation for a total price of \$58,000, with the FEMA grant paying \$55,100 and the Fire/Rescue Fund paying \$2,900, and instructing staff to prepare the appropriate budget adjustment for this purchase. Which motion carried.

#### IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Manager's Report
  - a. Monthly legal review;
  - b. Monthly COPS report.
4. Others
  - a. DISC personality assessment

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor