

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

WORKSESSION – 6:00 p.m.

1. The Board reviewed a memorandum from Assessor Chalifoux regarding the MTT and the Board indicated it is not interested in pursuing at this time.
2. The Board reviewed the proposed 2014 Business Plan and associated Gantt charts. **Motion** by Supervisor French supported by Trustee Larsen to approve the 2014 Business Plan and instruct Cargo to provide regular updates to the full Board, beginning with the February 24, 2014 work session. **Which motion carried.**
3. The Board discussed a memorandum from Trustee Larsen regarding the Performance Standards for the manager's evaluation. The Board indicated its preferences as to percentages for weighting the evaluation sections.

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.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent: None.

Also present were Manager Cargo, Fire/Rescue Chief Gerencer, and several of the fire department staff.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve December 9, 2013 Board Minutes
2. Approve December 17, 2013 Special Board Minutes
3. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$502,193.50 (*A/P checks of \$234,028.21 and payroll of \$268,165.29*)
4. Approve the hire of Blake DeDoes as a full-time fire fighter pursuant to the proposed offer of employment

5. Approve the hire of Benjamin Ingersoll, John Maher, and Aaron Boos as part-time fire fighters.

Motion by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Larsen and supported by Supervisor French to approve and adopt the proposed ordinance to regulate the speed and wake of certain large watercraft in an area of the Grand River pursuant to a special local watercraft control proposed in a letter from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. This is 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.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to approve an exception to the Private Road Ordinance Section 6 f. (i.e., allowing a building permit for an existing lot of record on a private road that does not comply with all standards) for parcel #70-07-16-200-023 pursuant to Section 7. This exception is granted pursuant to the following findings:

1. That the strict application of the literal terms of this ordinance would impose an undue hardship.
2. That emergency vehicles can adequately access the property.
3. That the residential unit to be constructed can meet the requirements of all other applicable state and township regulations.
4. That the Dowerk v. Township of Oxford Court of Appeals case indicates that the Township must allow an existing lot of record to be built upon if the Township believes that it can access the property for emergency purposes.
5. 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 carried.**

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and supported by Trustee Hutchins to approve and adopt Resolution 14-01-01, which approves adding precinct 7 at Hope Reformed Church, 14932 Mercury Drive, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417, effective immediately. **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 Supervisor French and supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 14-01-02, which amends Section 7.17 Harassment Prohibition of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. **Which motion carried, as indicated by**

the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Correspondence was reviewed
- b. Committee Reports
- c. Manager's Report, including:
 - i. November Legal Review
 - ii. Construction Report
 - iii. Ordinance Enforcement Report
 - iv. Public Services Report
- d. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor