

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

WORK SESSION – 6:30 p.m.

1. Superintendent Cargo provided an update on certain Gantt charted projects.
2. Trustee Meeusen discussed the Township of Excellence Award and requested staff to provide a 1-page summary.

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor French at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

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

Also present was Superintendent Cargo.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve February 10, 2014 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$125,767.91 (*A/P checks of \$47,132.60 and payroll of \$78,635.31*)
3. Approve LIAA Project Agreement (*Joint Master Plan Review with City of Grand Haven - \$10,000*)
4. Reappoint Joanne Marcetti to the Harbor Transit Authority Board for a term ending June 1, 2017

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

VI. **PRESENTATION**

Ottawa County Commissioner Roger Bergman provided a brief update of issues at the County to the Board.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Larsen to remove the Clerk's request for reimbursement for legal fees from the table. **Which motion carried.**

The Board discussed reimbursement of Clerk Buitenhuis' legal fees related to a personnel matter. The following residents spoke in support for Clerk Buitenhuis' request:

- a. Susan Robertson, 13252 Hidden Creek Dr
- b. Colleen Warner, 17082 Buchanan
- c. Jodi Deur, 15368 Hofman Drive
- d. Kathy Skorupski, 11769 Lakeshore Dr
- e. Beth Schaap, 11315 Evert Court
- f. Roger Skorupski, 11769 Lakeshore Dr.

In addition, the following residents sent emails in support:

- a. Jill Stamison, 18251 Holcomb Road
- b. Jamie Philpot, 15313 Saddlebrook Ct.
- c. Amy VanOordt, 13775 Cottage Drive
- d. Marlo Morgan, 14947 Hawthorne
- e. Tanya Daniels, 14809 – 160th Ave

SUPERVISOR FRENCH DISTRIBUTED A MEMO WITH SIX REASON HE WAS VOTING AGAINST PAYING FOR THE CLERK'S LEGAL FEES.

Motion Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Clerk Buitenhuis to reimburse the Clerk for her legal fees relating to a personnel matter for 2013. **Which motion failed**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Cargo reviewed the January Legal Review
 - b. Cargo reviewed his decision regarding the 50% reduction of sewer trunkage fees for Marquoit because of higher than normal connection costs related to the depth of sewer at 17007 Lincoln Street
 - c. Cargo noted that the Public Safety Committee needs to meet to review the memo on Fire/Rescue funding
 - d. Cargo noted that the Public Works and Transportation Committee needs to meet to review the bike path maintenance report
 - e. Others

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:38

p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor