

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

WORK SESSION – 6:00 p.m.

1. Chief Gerencer provided an overview of the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation for an establishment of a township-wide, ad valorem assessment to fund the Fire/Rescue department.
2. Manager Cargo presented a proposal to execute an agreement with LIAA and other participating communities regarding culture, arts and recreation. Joy Gaasch from the Chamber provided information to the Board regarding the proposal.
3. The Board discussed a proposal by Trustee Behm for the Board to jointly attend or participate in community activities. The Board indicated its desire to participate in joint events as possible.
4. The Board instructed staff to place on the next work session discussion regarding participating in the Coast Guard annual dinner.
5. The Board briefly discussed issues with burning permits relating to the amount of snow still on the ground. A resolution will be placed under New Business to extend the date burning permits would be issued.

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

Also present was Superintendent Cargo, Chief Gerencer, Public Works Director VerBerkmoes and HR Director Proksa.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Motion by Supervisor French and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve the meeting agenda, adding under New Business “Moratorium on Burning Permits”. **Which motion carried.**

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve March 10, 2014 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$246,029.24 (*A/P checks of \$171,635.84 and payroll of \$74,393.40*)
3. Accept 2013 Planning Commission Annual Report
4. Approve Bid Documents for Pathway Maintenance Phase I Project

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

VI. PRESENTATION

Grand Haven Chamber Director of Economic Development (*i.e., David Miller*) provided an update on activities.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to postpone further action until Monday, April 14, 2014 of the proposed amendment of Ordinance No. 352 entitles “Retiree Health Insurance Coverage and Costs” by eliminating this benefit for new non-union employees hired after March 1, 2014. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Supervisor French and seconded by Trustee Behm to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with LIAA and the other participating communities for a review of the concept of a larger Cultural, Arts and Recreation Authority (CARA) concept at a cost not to exceed \$775. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to approve Resolution 14-03-04 that supports the Crockery Township application to the MNRTF for development of Phase 2 of the North Bank trail. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Larsen

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Hutchins to table the resolution to amend the building fee schedule as it relates to mobile homes. Staff is instructed to inquire with neighboring communities as to fees they charge and whether the charge should be the same among communities similar to the building fees. **Which motion carried.**

3. **Motion** by Trustee Behm and seconded by Supervisor French to approve Resolution 14-03-05 that declares the Township’s intent to establish a township-wide assessment district pursuant to Act 33 for emergency services through the Township’s fire/rescue department; schedules a public hearing for April 14, 2014; and, directs staff to notify residents of the public hearing. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: Buitenhuis.

Absent: Larsen.

4. **Motion** by Clerk Buitenhuis and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve Resolution 14-03-06 which extends the burning deadline for urban areas within the Open Burning Ordinance from March 31st through April 15th for the 2014 calendar year. **Which motion carried,** as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence was reviewed
2. Committee Reports
3. Superintendent's Report
4. Others
 - a. Trustees Hutchins and Larsen will be meeting residents at New Creations Coffee Café on May 1st from 9:00-10:00a.m.

X. EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Hutchins and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Buitenhuis
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Karl French
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor