

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

**Board members present:** Larsen, Reenders, Kieft, Redick, Behm, Meeusen, Gignac

**Board members absent:**

Also, present was Manager Cargo, Public Services Director VerBerkmoes, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Human Resources Director Dumbrell.

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda.

**Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Gignac, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

IV. REVIEW OF “GUIDELINES FOR REMOTE ELECTRONIC MEETINGS”

Manager Cargo reviewed the guidelines for remote, electronic meetings.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Agenda Items Only)

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on agenda items was now opened.

Manager Cargo noted that if any member of the public would like to comment on an Agenda item, they may now text your comments via Facebook live stream found at <https://www.facebook.com/GHTownship/> ; email [bcargo@ght.org](mailto:bcargo@ght.org) ; or call (616) 402-0350 when prompted. Comments through the phone are limited to three (3) minutes.

Public Comments included:

1. Brock Hesselsweet (*Planning Commission member*) emailed his opposition to the proposed minor PUD amendment on the Lakeshore Flats entrance sign
2. Bill Cousins (*Planning Commission Chair*) emailed his opposition to the proposed minor PUD amendment on the Lakeshore Flats entrance sign believing the design of the sign was a downgrade and that other concessions had been made by the Township.
3. Mary Jo Deering (14634 Brucker Woods) emailed opposition to the proposed shoreline erosion project at the Brucker Street road end, especially as to the risk to children falling.
4. Richard Weber (14654 Pine Island Drive) emailed opposition to the proposed

shoreline erosion project at the Brucker Street road end opening that the project serves no public benefit.

Supervisor Reenders announced that the period for public comments on agenda items was now closed.

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve March 23, 2020, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$2,077,087.26 (*A/P checks of \$1,603,572.44 and 3/24 payroll of \$114,038.51, 4/8 payroll of \$121,477.58, 4/22 payroll or \$110,936.88, and 5/6 payroll of \$127,061.85*)
3. Approve "Guidelines for Remote Electronic Meetings"

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Redick to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Redick, Gignac, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen, Meeusen

Nays:

Absent:

VII. OLD BUSINESS

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 20-05-01 approving a one-year license agreement with Allied Waste (*dba Republic Services of Muskegon*) for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, Reenders, Meeusen, Behm, Gignac, Larsen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

3. Discussion was held regarding a proposed Minor PUD Amendment regarding the entrance sign for the Lakeshore Flats Apartments.

Community Development Director Fedewa reviewed her memo to the Board, noting that documentation from the applicant had been forwarded.

Board comments included:

- ✓ Supervisor Reenders noted that he attended the Planning Commission meetings where this was discussed and that concessions were made by the Planning Commission to mitigate development costs and allow for the project to offer affordable rents. He did not support the change to the entrance signs.
- ✓ Treasurer Kieft noted that he is on the Planning Commission and that the applicant had indicated that rents would be more affordable.
- ✓ Terry Nash (*Managing Director of Lakeshore Flats*) reviewed his May 8<sup>th</sup> memorandum disagreeing with the assertion that Lakeshore Flats was offered concessions during the PUD process for providing affordable rents or that the per square foot measurement was relevant. Rents were originally estimated to

be in the range of \$600 to \$1,100 and the actual rents are now estimated at \$700 to \$1,219, which is affordable for most households based on median area income levels. Applicant noted that the cost difference between the original and proposed sign is about \$4,000. Applicant expressed consternation that the staff memo implies that the developer performing a type of “bait and switch” in terms of the rental rates.

- ✓ Staff noted that the proposed sign violates the 24 square foot maximum size regulation for a sign of this type.

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Gignac to refer the proposed minor PUD amendment to the Planning Commission for a recommendation, with a condition that the proposed amendment be modified to not exceed the 24 square foot maximum size limit. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Gignac, Larsen, Kieft, Reenders, Behm, Meeusen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Human Resources Director Dumbrell reviewed the Township’s COVID-19 Response Plan.

Supervisor Reenders expressed support for the plan, acknowledging that the plan will have to be modified as conditions change.

No board action was necessary.

2. Discussion was held regarding Township participation with a Brucker Street road end shoreline erosion project.

Manager Cargo reviewed his memo to the Board, noting that opposition has formed within the community and that the Township’s financial position has eroded the Township’s ability to fund “optional” projects.

Further, Board members have questioned whether there is any public infrastructure to protect at this location and the whether – given the current amount of dune remaining – whether the project is worthwhile.

Manager Cargo noted that some of the concrete structures have been installed on private property near the Brucker Street road end and that if the Township decides to participate, a cost savings may be offered by the contractor.

There being no Board comments, the shoreline erosion protection proposal will remain with the Public Works and Transportation Committee.

3. Discussion was held regarding recent legislation regarding the possibility of No Wake Emergency Orders pursuant to PA 70 through 72 of 2020. Manager Cargo noted that

during a meeting on the public acts, Supervisor Nash noted that he expects that the Spring Lake Township Board would not support any temporary measures along the Grand River.

Board comments included:

- ✓ Supervisor Reenders questioned the enforcement costs and the suitability of emergency No Wake measures along this section of the Grand River. Concern was also expressed for official-looking “No Wake” signs being placed on private properties.
- ✓ Trustee Gignac expressed concern with the costs of using the temporary regulations to control boaters and the availability of the County to enforce any order.
- ✓ Trustee Behm also expressed concern with the costs.

Based upon Board comments and the expected lack of support from Spring Lake Township, Manager Cargo noted that he would not pursue temporary water regulations during this period of high-water conditions.

#### IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

##### a. Committee Reports

- ✓ Clerk Larsen notes that the Personnel Committee Meeting has been cancelled; but, will be rescheduled.
- ✓ Trustee Redick discussed the proposed NORA millage and the decision for the request to remain on the August ballot.

##### b. Manager’s Report, which included:

- ✓ March Public Services Report
- ✓ February Legal Review
- ✓ March Legal Review

##### c. Others

#### X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Public Comments included:

1. Walt Zerlaut sent a text via Facebook Live thanking the Township for streaming the meeting.
2. Patricia Moore phoned into the meeting thanking the Township for streaming the meeting.
3. Jenna Wenger (*16044 Robbins Road*) emailed her opinions on the appropriate level of regulations for Short-Term Rentals.

Supervisor Reenders announced that the period for public comments on non-agenda items was now closed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Kieft, Redick, Gignac, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor