

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 5, 2014**

A meeting of the Grand Rapids Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Michael DeVries. The meeting was held in the Township Hall. The following were present: Supervisor Michael DeVries, Clerk Edward Robinette, Treasurer Chris Afendoulis, and Trustees David Van Dyke, and Lee Van Popering. Trustees Rusty Merchant and Robert Roth were absent. There were three people in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

The Clerk requested an amendment to the agenda that the pay for election workers be added to the list of Bills to be paid.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of amending the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2014.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the Cash Disbursements as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved payment of the Bills as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6. 2015 GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Chris Afendoulis, moved to open the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

After hearing no Public Comment, Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor DeVries gave the board a summary of the proposed 2015 Budget.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the 2015 Grand Rapids Township Budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

AYES: Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Afendoulis, DeVries

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Merchant, Roth

The 2015 Grand Rapids Township Budget is approved.

7. CONSIDER 2014-2015 SNOW PLOW CONTRACT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of contract as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE TOWNSHIP HALL HAND RAILS.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the amount not to exceed \$2300.00 for the replacement of exterior hand rails at the Township Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS AS RECEIVED FOR DECEMBER 2014.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2015 PAYROLL CYCLE TO BEGIN EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 22, 2014.

David Van Dyke, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved approval of the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE:

a) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of Greg Timmer as a regular member, and Jon Rupert and Lindsey Koorndyk as alternates to the ZBA with terms expiring on November 20, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

b) BOARD OF REVIEW

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of John Cook, Bob King, and Dan Ophoff to the Board of Review and Justin Michael as an alternate, all with a term ending January 1, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 'RIGHT-OF-WAY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PERMIT' AGREEMENT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the Agreement as presented, and authorized Supervisor DeVries to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Township. The motion passed unanimously.

13. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 500 RE: DISSOLUTION OF GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP PLAINFIELD AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY.

This proposed ordinance will be considered for adoption at the conclusion of the Public Hearing to be held at the next Township Board Meeting.

14. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESIGNATION OF PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved to accept the resignation of Daniel Deiss. The motion passed unanimously.

15. BOARD COMMENTS. David Van Dyke congratulated Chris Afendoulis on his election to the State House of Representatives representing the 73rd District.

16. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP