

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2017**

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 David Van Dyke, and Trustees Vas Christopoulos, David Pierangeli, Lee Van Popering, and Philip Yeiter. There was one person in the audience.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT. There were none.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

Supervisor DeVries requested that the following items be added to the agenda:

- 7. Knapp's Corner Drain Study Agreement
- 8. Blackhawk Site Condominium Water and Sewer Extension Agreement
- 9. Consider hiring a newsletter and social media writer

Amend the Bills to be Paid by adding bills from Ruth Powers, and the State of Michigan. Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to amend the agenda as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.

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

4. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the bills as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION OF 2018 BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

The Board received the year to date budget report and capital improvement plan. Discussion will be held at future meetings.

6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO REQUEST PROPOSALS FOR 5 YEAR PARK & RECREATION PLAN.

Philip Yeiter reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and moved approval of the recommendation to seek RFP submittals for writing a Five Year Park & Recreation Plan. Lee Van Popering seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE KNAPP'S CORNER DRAIN STUDY AGREEMENT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to approve the agreement as presented, with the amount not to exceed \$15,000.00. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Pierangeli, Robinette, Van Dyke, Van Popering, Christopoulos, Yeiter, DeVries

NAYS: None

The Study Agreement is approved.

David Van Dyke requested to be excused from voting on the next agenda item due to a conflict of interest. David Pierangeli, seconded by Lee Van Popering, moved to excuse David Van Dyke from voting on this item. The motion passed unanimously. David Van Dyke left the room before discussion began.

8. CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF WATER AND SEWER EXTENSION AGREEMENT.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of the resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: Robinette, Van Popering, Christopoulos, Yeiter, DeVries, Pierangeli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Van Dyke

The Resolution is approved.

David Van Dyke returned to the meeting.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HIRING JAN HOLST AS A CONTRACT EMPLOYEE.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Edward Robinette, moved to hire Jan Holst as a contract employee at a rate of \$400.00 per month for the purpose of writing Township news articles for news briefs, social media, and emails. The motion passed unanimously.

10. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

12. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.