

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
February 5, 2019**

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 were two people in the audience.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.** There were none.

**3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2019.**

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

**4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

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

**5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved approval of the bills as presented with the addition of a bonus of \$2000.00 to Office Manager/Deputy Treasurer Sue Cady to compensate her for the increased workload while the office is understaffed. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO STRIKE DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FROM THE ROLL.**

David Pierangeli, seconded by David Van Dyke, moved approval of the request as presented and authorize the Clerk to sign the Waiver and Consent form on behalf of the Township. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. DISCUSSION OF ZONING OF GRT OWNED PROPERTY AT FULTON AND CRAHEN.**

A representative of J&H Family Stores proposed a concept design for a gas station and convenience store for the property currently owned by Grand Rapids Township. A discussion followed and the representative was told that the property is not currently for sale.

**8. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE LINDSEY THIEL AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR PLANNING.**

Philip Yeiter, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved to authorize hiring Lindsey Thiel as proposed. The motion carried.

**9. DISCUSSION OF EMS ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL.**

Trustee David Pierangeli left the meeting at this time due to a potential conflict of interest. The board discussed the proposal from Rockford Ambulance and is interested in pursuing the proposed staging of a medical transport vehicle at the 3 Mile Fire Station as a pilot program. Trustee Pierangeli returned to the meeting after discussion on this topic ended.

**10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to authorize Supervisor DeVries and Treasurer Van Dyke to negotiate the purchase of 75 X 200 feet of property adjacent to the GRT 3 Mile Fire Station from Orchard View Church. The motion passed unanimously.

**11. BOARD COMMENTS.** There were none.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS.** There were none.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Edward J. Robinette, Clerk  
GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP