

**GRAND RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 3, 2020**

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 10 people in the audience.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
- 2. BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT.** There were none.

REQUEST TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

The Supervisor requested the addition of two items to the agenda. Item 9, the resignation of a paid-on-call firefighter and Item 10, a request from the Fire Chief for permission to apply for a grant. Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved to amend the agenda as requested. The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020.**

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

- 4. CONSIDER CASH DISBURSEMENTS.**

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

- 5. CONSIDER BILLS TO BE PAID.**

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

- 6. 2nd READING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #527 – FOREST HILLS PRESERVE.**

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved to open the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Rick Pulaski and Steve Nicholas spoke for the developer and provided an overview of the project.

Evelyn Searle of the Knapp Valley Condo Association spoke regarding changes to Knapp Ave., traffic issues, and pedestrian safety.

Donna Teft of St. John's Home spoke regarding boundary issues.

Vicky Slot of 2480 Knapp St. NE spoke regarding construction timing and hopes of preserving trees on the property frontage.

Written comments were received from Judy Livingston of 1927 Dunlin Ct NE. She is opposed to the project due to traffic concerns.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by David Pierangeli, moved approval of Ordinance 527 – Forest Hills Preserve as presented. A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 527 is declared adopted.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF SPECIFIC INVOICES.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved approval of the list of suppliers as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

8. PLANNING COMMISSION JANUARY AND FEBRUARY ACTIVITY UPDATE FROM DAVE VAN DYKE.

Mr. Van Dyke provided a summary of Planning Commission activity for the last two months.

9. CONSIDER PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER COLLIN CHRENKA RESIGNATION.

Lee Van Popering, seconded by Philip Yeiter, moved to accept the resignation. The motion passed unanimously.

10. CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR GRANT APPLICATION.

Philip Yeiter, seconded by Vas Christopoulos, moved approval of the request as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

11. BOARD COMMENTS. There were none.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.