

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET WORK SESSION**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the special budget work session meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL

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

**Board members absent:** Gignac

Also present were Manager Cargo, Finance Director Sandoval, Deputy Treasurer Larrison, Fire/Rescue Chief Sipe, Public Services Director VerBerkmoes, Community Development Director Fedewa, and Human Resources Director Dumbrell.

Manager Cargo noted that the Township Board was meeting remotely on the Zoom platform because of health concerns associated with COVID-19 pandemic. Information on this remote meeting has been posted so that the public may participate. All elected officials present noted that they are meeting remotely and are located within Grand Haven Charter Township, except for Trustee Redick who is located with in Grand Rapids City.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Manager Cargo provided an overview of the proposed 2021 Fiscal Year budget of about \$15.30 million. The Township's twelve (12) budgets are all balanced with projected fund balances or cash reserves at the end of the 2021 Fiscal Year.

Significant expenditures contained within the budget include:

- \$822k for road maintenance and improvements, which will supplement the work completed by the Road Commission;
- \$524k to support Harbor Transit bus service;
- \$718k for Park maintenance and improvement projects;
- \$162k for Cemetery operations and maintenance;
- \$1.46 million for Fire/Rescue services;
- \$532k for supplemental police services from the Sheriff's Department;
- \$1.14 million for DDA capital projects including:
  - ✓ \$870k to extend sanitary sewer to the west side of US-31 at Hayes Street;
  - ✓ \$139k to install sidewalks on the east side of 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from the D&W complex to Comstock Street;
  - ✓ \$97k to construct bituminous pathway of the south side of Rosy Mound from the new High School field entrance to Lakeshore Drive, and,
  - ✓ \$30k to install a mid-block crossing of 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue near Timber Dunes Drive.
- \$315k to construct a pathway along 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Ferris and Lincoln;

- \$2.17 million for sanitary sewer services including:
  - ✓ \$880k to relocate the outlet of the East Ferris lift station to the west side of US-31;
  - ✓ \$410k to replace the Hofma Park lift station pump with a dry pit submersible pump;
  - ✓ \$269k to process an estimated 112.3 million gallons of wastewater collected;
- \$2.83 million for municipal water service, including the following:
  - ✓ \$628k to purchase about 608 million gallons of water;
  - ✓ \$700k to extend municipal water along Ferris Street and 160th Avenue between Ferris and Lincoln - simultaneous with the paving of 160th Avenue;
  - ✓ \$98k for a variety of state mandated tests and reports;
- \$251k for Information Technology Services, including the following:
  - ✓ \$118k for software and license fees; and,
  - ✓ \$103k for professional IT services.

Manager Cargo noted that the “*Truth in Budgeting*” public hearing is scheduled for Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

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 must “Raise Hand” and wait to be called upon. To “Raise Hand” press “Alt + Y” or open the Participants Panel in the Zoom Toolbar and click Raise Hand in lower right corner... or physically raise your hand to get the attention of the Zoom Moderator.

There being no public comments, Supervisor Reenders announced that the period for public comments on agenda items was now closed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Larsen, supported by Behm to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Reenders, Kieft, Meeusen, Larsen  
 Nays:  
 Absent: Gignac, Redick (*left meeting at 6:30 p.m.*)

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen  
 Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor