

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

WORK SESSION

1. The Board discussed goals and priorities. Based upon discussions, the Board agreed to add the following items to the 2021 Project List:
 - Amend Leash Law within Parks to require dogs remain on leashes
 - Amend/review minimum square foot requirements for residential units in R-2 and larger lots
 - Remove and replace aged signs within Hofma Park and Preserve

Comments on priorities for elected officials includes the following:

- ✓ Ensure that the Township seeks reimbursement (*e.g., Cares Act*) for the COVID-19 expenses, including the HVAC improvements;
- ✓ Review 800 square foot minimum requirements for Zoning districts R-2 and higher;
- ✓ Draft a long-term program (*e.g., 20-years*) to pave certain gravel roads, excluding the southeastern quarter of the Township (*i.e., south of M-45 and east of US-31*);
- ✓ Expand broadband into rural sections of the Township;
- ✓ Update the Master Plan to expand industrial land designations – especially near the US-31 and M-45 intersection;
- ✓ Expand recreational sports facilities;
- ✓ An aquatic Center south of the River should be a long-term priority.

The Board requested that another Goal meeting be scheduled – perhaps with a moderator to assist conversations.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Community Development Director Fedewa, Finance Director Sandoval, and Human Resource Director Dumbrell.

III. STATEMENT ON REMOTE MEETING

It was 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 Supervisor Reenders who is located in Grand Haven City.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the meeting agenda.

Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Agenda Items Only)

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on agenda items was now opened.

Manager Cargo noted that if a person would like to comment on an Agenda Item Only, please click “Raise Hand” at the bottom of your screen or press Alt+Y. The Zoom moderator (*i.e., Stacey Fedewa*) will unmute you when it is your turn to speak. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 25, 2021, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$268,928.99 (*A/P checks of \$165,733.55 and payroll of \$103,195.44*)
3. Approve Agreement for 2021 Dust Control with MCS (\$36,255)
4. Approve Agreement for 2021 Boat Launch Landscaping (\$12,500)
5. Approve Engineering Agreement with Prein&Newhof for addition of Generator at Ferris Street Lift Station (\$16,600)
6. Approve Engineering Agreement with Prein&Newhof for 160th Avenue Paving (*including water and pathway*) Project (\$207,400)
7. Approve Agreement for Hofma Park and Preserve Natural Resources Study (\$12,000)
8. Re-Appointment of Construction Board of Appeal Members (*i.e., Brock Hesselsweet, Rich Buitenhuis, Patrick Morden, Lyle Rycenga and Randy Wagenmaker*) with terms ending on April 1, 2023

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Behm, Wagenmaker, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

VII. PRESENTATION – OTTAWA COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER

Ottawa County Water Resources Commissioner Joe Bush and Spicer Engineer Paul Forton group provided an overview of the proposed Township assessment for the Beechtree Drain project – estimated at \$640,000.

It was noted that Manager Cargo is recommending that the Township's payments be bonded by Ottawa County over a ten-year period because of low bond rates. The additional 15% in apportioned assessment costs to the Township (*i.e. from the typical 25% to 40%*) are being supported to reduce the financial burden on property owners within the district.

No action was necessary.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed the proposal to close both the Warner and Pierce Street access to US-31. Because the Planning Commission did not support the closures and because of concerns that property owners would not be supportive of the closures, the Board determined that it would take no action on the matter.

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 21-02-02 approving a one-year license agreement with Allied Waste (*dba Republic Services of Muskegon*) for waste collection and hauling services within Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kieft, Reenders, Meeusen, Behm, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve Resolution 21-02-03 that updates the Township's Poverty Exemption Policies pursuant to requirements of State law. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Kieft, Redick, Wagenmaker, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Behm to approve authorize staff to donate surplus furniture that was determined to have zero value to the Robinson Township Fire Department. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Wagenmaker, Larsen, Kieft, Reenders, Behm, Meeusen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports

i. Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, February 10th at 7:00 a.m.

b. Manager's Report, which included:

i. FEMA CRS – Activity 510 Progress Report

ii. January Building Report

iii. January Enforcement Report

iv. January Public Services Report

c. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Reenders announced that a period for public comments on non-agenda items was now opened.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Reenders, Kieft, Behm, Meeusen, Redick, Wagenmaker, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor