

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

WORK SESSION

The Board discussed goals and priorities. Based upon discussions, the Board requested that the following items be discussed during the re-write of the Master Plan:

1. In addition to industrial land uses near M-45 and US-31, review the suitability of high density residential;
2. Review the suitability of allowing private sewage systems for residential developments in areas without access to public sewer;
3. Review what should be done with affordable housing (*or “Missing Middle Housing”*) and how the Township should respond;

General discussion continued regarding the importance of industrial development and the lack of industrial land – both planned and “sale ready” property. Preliminary discussion occurred on whether it was appropriate for the Township to act as a developer or whether action should be limited to planning and zoning property for industrial use.

General discussion occurred on what constituted “affordable housing” and whether the Township could provide any viable solutions. A brief overview of preliminary plans to develop vacant properties (*both in the City and Township*) located north of Comstock and east of 168th Avenue with affordable housing was provided.

The Board requested staff schedule a joint, in-person meeting with the Planning Commission and Board for April 19th at 7:00 p.m. Preliminary topics of discussion include square foot requirements for single family housing; Master Plan revisions; and updates on pending development projects.

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, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Wagenmaker, Kieft and Reenders

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Community Development Director Fedewa, Finance Director Sandoval, Fire/Rescue Chief Sipe, 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 in Grand Haven City and Trustee Wagenmaker who is in Orlando, Florida.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker 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.

- ✓ Stephen Rockman (*15495 Sweetbriar Drive*) expressed opposition to the Township contracting with Issue Media Group whom he considers to be a leftist, activist group that would not represent his interests.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve February 8, 2021, Regular Board Minutes, as amended to replace “R-1” with “R-2” under WORK SESSION.
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$541,049.92 (*A/P checks of \$392,656.20 and payroll of \$148,393.72*)
3. Approve Prein & Newhof Engineering Agreement for DDA Rosy Mound Pathway Project (*\$20k*)
4. Approve Prein & Newhof Engineering Agreement for Pottawattomie Park Waterfront Redevelopment Construction Project (*\$35k*)
5. Approve Pottawattomie Park Waterfront Redevelopment Bid Package

Motion by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm 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 – ISSUE MEDIA GROUP

Paul Schutt from Issue Media Group discussed a proposal for the firm to provide news stories regarding the Township activities and public information.

Manager Cargo noted that the Township could partner with other area users – as opposed to paying the full-cost as a sole user. Or, could look at a shorter initial trial period (*e.g., six months*).

References from Issue Media Group will be provided.

No action was taken.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and authorize staff to incur costs of approximately \$6,000 to begin the necessary steps to complete the MNRTF Acquisition of the Groesbeck property. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports

i. The Public Safety Committee will meet on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. to review RFPs regarding the proposed facility study.

b. Manager's Report, which included:

i. December Legal Review

b. Others

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Manager Cargo noted any person would like to comment on a non-agenda item only, please click "Raise Hand" at the bottom of your screen or press Alt+Y. The Zoom moderator 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.

XII. ADJOURNMENT


Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor