

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

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

**Board members absent:**

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

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.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

**Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Agenda Items Only)

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

Supervisor Reenders 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 March 22, 2021, Regular Board Minutes.

2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$614,422.52 (A/P checks of \$519,075.40 and payroll of \$95,347.12)

3. Approve Prein & Newhof Engineering Agreement for the MNRTF Development Grant at the Witteveen and Wolfe properties (\$87,300)

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

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

Nays:

Absent:

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt the proposed Water Ordinance amendment addressing cross connection requirements. This constitutes a second reading. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. Andrew Rossel, P.E. – i.e., the engineer for John and Nancy Vandenberg – noted the changes to the site plan and provided additional information in response to queries from Trustee Wagenmaker.

**Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Clerk Larsen to an exception to the Private Road Ordinance Section 3.2.A and 3.3.A. (*i.e., allowing a driveway with a clear and passable width of 12 feet where 16.5 feet is required*) for parcel #70-03-32-180-015 pursuant to Section 7. This exception is granted pursuant to the following findings:

- a. That the strict application of the literal terms of this ordinance would impose an undue hardship on the applicant because of existing site conditions, including the Dunes Protection Act that seeks to limit the impact of any improvement and steep inclines that make a typical driveway unusually difficult to construct.
- b. That the construction of a driveway from the street to the home will improve access for some smaller emergency vehicles (e.g., ambulances).
- c. That appurtenances for stormwater management (i.e., leaching basins) and safety (i.e., guardrails) are added pursuant to the site plan and additional information provided by the applicants' engineer
- d. That granting the exception would not alter the essential character of the surrounding neighborhood.
- e. That existing residential unit does meet other applicable state and township regulations.

This exception is conditioned upon the driveway meeting all other state environmental or local zoning requirements that may arise during the driveway construction. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
  - i. The Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday at 7:00 a.m.
  - ii. NORA will have a special meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Manager's Report, which included:
  - i. March Building Report
  - ii. March Ordinance Enforcement Report
  - iii. March Public Services Report
- c. 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.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

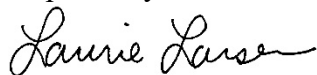
**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor