

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 10, 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, Reenders, Kieft, Behm, Redick, Meeusen
Wagenmaker

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, 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.

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.

1. Julie Koning (*13210 Hidden Creek Drive*) stated that the Open Air Business zoning text amendment would directly impact her household inasmuch that the Vandenberg SLU could be approved. Although she remains “pro-business”, she believes that the Vandenberg SLU application is contrary to the Master Plan and the location of the open-air business should not be located near the front.
2. Superintendent Cargo disclosed that he is a member of the Hidden Creek HOA

Board; but, has not been involved in the opposition occurring from members of the HOA or subdivision.

3. Richard Edwards (*13224 Hidden Creek Drive*) stated that he is concerned with issues of dust and noise regarding the Vandenberg SLU application. Believes the open-air business would be better suited at the rear of the property.
4. Supervisor Reenders noted that the Vandenberg SLU application is not on the agenda and that this public comment period is limited to agenda items, only.
5. Bob Koning (*13210 Hidden Creek Drive*) stated that the zoning text amendment is poorly timed, and he considers this to be “spot zoning”.

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 April 26, 2021, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$368,281.30 (*A/P checks of \$244,500.03 and payroll of \$123,781.27*)
3. Approve Bierman Inspection Services LLC Agreement
4. Approve Reis Appointment to Harbor Transit Board of Directors
5. Approve Bid for Generator at East Ferris Lift Station - (*Bazen Electrical - \$73,276*)

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, Wagenmaker, Meeusen, Redick, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

VII. PRESENTATION – 2020 Financial Audit

Township Auditor Douglas Vredevelde presented the 2020 financial audit. It was noted that the auditor provided an “unqualified opinion” for a clean audit – which is the highest opinion that can be offered – and that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. The Township’s financial position remains healthy.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Treasurer Kieft to approve the proposed Grand Haven Area Water and Sewer Extension Agreement and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute this agreement. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Behm and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to refer the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance with draft date of 5/6/2021 back to the Planning Commission to address the questions and concerns that haven been raised. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

X. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

a. Committee Reports

- i. The Personnel Committee will be meeting on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m.
- ii. Wagenmaker wanted clarification as to when a zoning application is considered “ready” for review by the Planning Commission.
- iii. Clerk Larsen asked if the questions and comments from the public will be shared with the Planning Commission. Staff noted that all public comments (*e.g., emails, letters, etc.*) are preserved and will be shared with the Planning Commission.

b. Manager’s Report, which included:

- i. Manager Cargo noted the engineer estimate to place 2,000 cubic yards of sand on the Buchanan Street road end is about \$45k. It was noted that adjacent property owner and Marine Contractor Gezon noted that sand will be ineffective for erosion control and restoration.
- ii. April Building Report
- iii. April Ordinance Enforcement Report

c. Others

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

Supervisor Reenders 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.

1. Katy Barclay (*17620 Buchanan Street*) believes the Buchanan Street road end agreement should be opened to address current conditions (e.g., number of persons allowed). Does not believe that the Township can place sand on the road end and believes that there have been other violations.
2. Edward Everhart (*12087 Bluewater Road*) wants a clear statement justifying the placement of sand on the road end (*which is not rationale*) and believes that the Township has violated the road end agreement.
3. The Board instructed Manager Cargo to schedule a work session with Attorney Bultje to review the Buchanan Street road end agreement.

There being no further 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 7:53 p.m. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor