

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

WORK SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

1. The Board discussed state legislation on Short Term Rentals (STRs) and instructed staff to email Senator Victory and Representative Lily and express the Township’s opposition to SB 446 and HB 4722. Further, Manager Cargo was instructed to prepare a resolution opposing this same for consideration at the June 14th Board meeting.
2. Attorney Bultje completed a review of the Buchanan Street Road End Agreement – focusing on certain questions or statements recently received by the Township.

Certain items noted included the following:

- a. The 90-person limit is not a requirement to allow 90 into the road end.
- b. The road end can be closed by the Township for public safety reasons.
- c. The Township cannot construct structures on the right-of-way (*e.g., stairs*).
- d. Erosion maintenance is not limited to the foot path.
- e. Parking restrictions can be limited by the State Police.
- f. The high lake levels and the resulting hardships (*e.g., closing of the road end, erosion concerns, etc.*) are a shared community burden.
- g. The dune to the lake and the redevelopment of the beach will recover at its own natural pace.
- h. the use excavating equipment (*e.g., bulldozers*) to modify the slope would have a high likelihood of destabilizing the current dune and causing further erosion that could impact adjacent property owners.

The Board noted that it would not pursue the option of placing 2,000 cubic yards of sand on the road end to create a slope to the water.

The Board noted that it supported the decision to keep the road end closed due to safety concerns.

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: Reenders, Larsen, Kieft, Redick, Meeusen, Behm, 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 and Trustee Redick who is in Grand Rapids.

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., 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 May 10, 2021, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the Amount of \$257,210.02 (*A/P checks of \$144,388.55 and payroll of \$112,821.47*)
3. Approve Municipal Consulting – Compensation & Benefits Study (*\$15,000±*)
4. Approve Jackson-Merkey Contractors, Inc. Bid (*\$682,232*) for Hofma Park Pump Station Forcemain Relocation Project
5. Approve DDA Bid Documents for Rosy Mound Pathway Project

Motion by Treasurer Kieft 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: Kieft, Reenders, Meeusen, Behm, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Redick

Nays:

Absent:

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve Resolution 21-05-02, which authorizes the Township to borrow money and issue bonds known as “2021 Parks Improvement Bonds” in the aggregate principal sum \$6,140,000 pursuant

to the provisions of Act 34 for the purpose of defraying part of the cost of the Parks Improvements project, which includes the initial phase of the Schmidt Heritage Park.

Which motion carried, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Redick to approve Resolution 21-05-03, which approves MNRTF Land Acquisition Grant #TF20-0148 and authorizes the Township Superintendent to execute said agreement. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Trustee Redick and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 21-05-04, which approves MNRTF Development Grant #TF20-0154 and authorizes the Township Superintendent to execute said agreement. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Redick to approve Resolution 21-05-05 approving a one-year license agreement with Arrowwaste, Inc. for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

4. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the modified low bid from APEX Contractors not-to-exceed \$421,600 and to authorize the Superintendent to execute the proposed construction contract. This decision was made because the original bid cost was reduced by \$91,400 through direct negotiation and because the Township wants to retain the \$140,000 federal grant toward the project.

Which motion carried, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. None
- b. Manager's Report, which included:
 - i. April Public Services Report.

- ii. March Legal Review
 - iii. Manager Cargo noted that the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners will discuss extending the local state of emergency past May 25th at Tuesday's meeting. Further, in-person Township meetings will begin in June.
- c. Others
- i. Trustee Wagenmaker asked for an update on the Board priority to pave gravel roads. Manager Cargo noted that the Road Commission's top priorities included 168th Avenue north of Lake Michigan Drive and 152nd Avenue north of Lincoln Street to Buchanan Street. However, nothing further will be done in 2021 until the beginning of the FY2022 budget process.

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. Edward Everhart (*12087 Bluewater Road*) wants to ensure there is notification before any modification to the Buchanan Street road end agreement.
2. Denise Smith (*1251 Forest Beach Trail*) values the Buchanan Street road end and expressed concern regarding the damage that occurred with the 2020 permits for rock revetment projects.
3. Anthony St. Aubin (*11680 Lakeshore Drive*) supports the Buchanan Street road end and would like to see the re-opening occur.
4. Marcie Barber (*11840 Lakeshore Drive*) supports the Buchanan Street road end and would like to see the re-opening occur.

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 Wagenmaker to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor