

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Deputy Treasurer Larrison, and Finance Director Sandoval.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Redick to approve the meeting agenda. **Which motion carried.**

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve August 23, 2021, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$554,713.36 (*A/P checks of \$314,750.60 and payroll of \$239,962.76*)
3. Re-Appoint Joy Gaasch to NOCH Authority Board with a term ending August 31, 2024
4. Approve Audit Services with Vredevelde Haefner through FY2024 (*\$13,250*)
5. Approve Purchase of Fire/Rescue Turnout Gear Dryer (*\$7,350*)

Motion by Trustee Redick and seconded by Trustee Behm to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Truth-in-Taxation

Supervisor Reenders opened the 2021 “Truth in Taxation” public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Deputy Treasurer Larrison provided an overview of the proposed 2021 millage rates noting that the proposed millage rate with the Headlee reduction applied would be 5.1203 mills. This will generate about \$4.64 million.

Discussion occurred regarding a proposal by Trustee Meeusen to not collect the full General Operating millage that could be authorized after the hearing. Specifically, the proposal was to reduce the General Operating millage from the proposed 1.0321 mills to 1.0179 mills – a reduction of 0.0142 mills.

Manager Cargo noted that no members of the public requested to speak at the public

hearing.

There being no further comments, Supervisor Reenders closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen, supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to adopt Resolution 21-09-01 approving the levy of an additional allowable millage rate of 0.1011 and authorizing Supervisor Reenders and Clerk Larsen to sign the L-4029 2021 Tax Rate Request. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent
2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Behm to present and postpone the proposed Floodplain Ordinance Amendment to adopt new FIRM Panels as required by the NFIP and EGLE until September 27th where it will be considered for adoption. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Manager Cargo reviewed the FY2022 Budget Policies and noted the following “major” issues:
 - a. The FY2022 budget will be the largest and most complex budget adopted by the Township. There are large capital projects – especially with regard to Parks projects – and there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the construction cost estimates because of supply chain issues; because of high demand regarding infrastructure construction. That said, the Township remains in a strong fiscal position and should be able to address fiscal issues and constraints as they arise.
 - b. FY2022 will have many large capital projects, including:
 - i. The Schmidt Heritage Park project (\$6.72 million)
 - ii. Hofma Park Improvement project (\$863k)
 - iii. Lakeshore Pathway Re-surfacing (\$715k)
 - iv. Ferris/160th Avenue Watermain loop project (\$653k)
 - v. Paving of 160th Avenue between Ferris and Lincoln (\$550k)
 - vi. Groesbeck Land Acquisition project (\$364k)
 - vii. Construction of pathway connector along 160th Avenue (\$300k)
 - viii. Subdivision Re-surfacing (\$300k)
 - ix. Ferris Street Widening at Schmidt/Hofma Parks (\$270k)
 - x. Upgrades to the Wyburn lift station (\$120k)
 - xi. Pathway retaining wall repairs/replacement (\$110k)
 - c. The Board will need to determine how the \$1.8 million in ARPA monies will be utilized.
 - d. The DDA will be expanded during FY2022 and there will be large capital projects in FY2023.
 - e. Discussions will need to occur regarding both Fire/Rescue staffing levels and facility expansion/renovation that will likely occur in FY2024.

Comments from the Board included clarification on the proposal to sell the 2012 Assessing van; a recommendation to seek a grant for a proposed ADA sidewalk extension at Pottawattomie Park; and the proposal to eliminate the back-up and DR facility maintained at the GHAPS IT facility and moving these functions to a cloud-based solution.

Motion by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Behm to adopt the 2022 detailed budget assumptions and policies as delineated by the Superintendent within the September 8th memorandum and to instruct the Superintendent to proceed with completion of a 2022 Fiscal Year line-item budget for Board review and consideration pursuant to state law and the proposed budget schedule. **Which motion carried.**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
 - ✓ Trustee Redick noted that NORA would try for a second time for an operating millage – focusing much of their information campaign in Robinson Township. The election would be held in May of 2022.
- b. Manager’s Report, which included:
 - ✓ August Building Report
 - ✓ August Enforcement Report
 - ✓ August Public Services Report
- c. Others
 - ✓ Supervisor Reenders noted the success of the ionizers installed in the Township’s HVAC system at preventing the spread of a COVID-19 by an infected individual at the previous Board meeting.

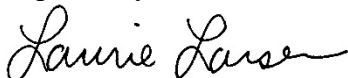
IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments offered.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Larsen seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor