

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022**

JOINT WORK SESSION – TOWNSHIP BOARD AND PLANNING COMMISSION

1. The Joint Board and Planning Commission Work Session was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Motion by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Behm to select Trustee Redick as President Pro Tem for the board meeting. **Which motion carried.**

Trustee Redick noted that there are different approaches that Planned Unit Developments can take with regard to housing types. A brief survey of his clients found five (5) that used the Township approach allowing all housing types; six (6) that limited housing types to the underlying zoning; and, five (5) that used a hybrid approach that allowed for Planning Commission discretion with certain defined standards.

Senior Planner Thibault presented a July 7th memorandum regarding Residential PUD Housing and discussed:

- ✓ The Township Master Plan and “Missing Middle Housing” that increased housing options.
- ✓ How the density of proposed development is determined through the underlying Zoning district and the Parallel Plan; but, which is separate from the discussion of housing types.
- ✓ The decisions afforded to the Planning Commission through the PUD Chapter in creating a designed outcomes defined through the Master Plan

The members’ discussion differentiated between dwelling unit density and housing types (*e.g., single family attached, row houses, etc.*). It was noted that the Township process regarding discretion on housing types may not provide sufficient detail to limit legal exposure and readily defend a PUD decision in court.

After discussion, the consensus position of the members was to have Planning staff (1) research other PUD ordinances that provide both discretion and define standards (*or controls*) on different housing types; (2) draft an amendment to the existing PUD ordinance which provides a user-friendly understanding regarding housing compatibility for potential residential PUDSs. (*This is an effort to further define expectations of the Township in the early stages of any residential PUD application therein reducing conflict.*)

REGULAR MEETING

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Manager Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, and Senior Planner Thibault.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve June 27, 2022, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$502,373.54 (*A/P checks of \$389,411.28 and payroll of \$112,962.26*)
3. Re-Appoint Joy Gaasch to the NOCHS Board for term ending August 31, 2024

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt the proposed minor amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Meeusen, Redick, Behm
Nays:
Absent: Reenders

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion occurred regarding the safety of electric bikes on the pathway.

Motion by Trustee Wagenmaker and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to postpone action until the July 25th Board meeting on the proposed minor amendments to the Pathway Ordinance that allows for Class I and Class II electric bicycles. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report

- i. June Building Report
 - ii. June Ordinance Enforcement Report
 - iii. Manager Cargo noted that although housing is expected to slow because of rising mortgage rates, it is not expected to drop dramatically – as it did in 2007 through 2011 – because there remains a pent-up demand for housing.
3. Others

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *(Non-Agenda Items)*

1. Bethany Reid (*1513 Meadow Lane, Grand Haven City*) requested an update of the status of the drive into the proposed Lakeshore Flats expansion. Senior Planner Thibault noted that a traffic study is underway and the City has been contacted regarding the entry design.
2. Trustee Wagenmaker, after the funding of the Fire/Rescue station is finalized, would like to discuss placing a millage before voters for the paving of gravel roads.
3. Michigan House Representative Greg VanWoerkom introduced himself to the Township Board and noted that Grand Haven Charter Township is now within his Michigan House District.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. **Which motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk

Ron Redick
Grand Haven Charter Township President Pro Tem