

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022**

WORK SESSION

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to enter closed session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing a written legal opinion regarding the Buchanan Street Road end settlement agreement. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent: Redick

The Board reviewed the legal opinion and Attorney Bultje responded to questions from elected officials.

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to exit the closed session at 6:52 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

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. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Attorney Bultje, Assistant Manager Sherwood, Public Services Director Chappell, Senior Planner Thibault, and Public Services Coordinator Walsh.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve June 13, 2022, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$244,664.36 (*A/P checks of \$143,286.59 and payroll of \$101,377.77*)

Motion by Trustee Behm and seconded by Trustee Meeusen to approve the items listed on

the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board directed staff to re-open the Buchanan Street road end on weekends and holidays pursuant to the 1996 Settlement Agreement.

The Board took public comments regarding the Buchanan Street road end, which included the following:

- i. Jamie Walter (*17586 Buchanan Street*) noted the “bad behavior” of some users and expressed concern with a clay layer that is being exposed due to erosion caused by users and parking issues.
- ii. Ron Hillburger (*11453 Oak Grove*) noted that the road end should be re-opened and that problems with the road end should be addressed.
- iii. Robert Gezon (*12055 Bluewater Road*) noted that he owns the property immediately north of the road end and discussed opening the agreement to make it more effective and less of an attractive nuisance. He loves the social aspect the road end, but is concerned with aggressive behavior of some users.
- iv. Kathleen Barclay (*17620 Buchanan Street*) wants to make the agreement more workable and noted that there are only eleven (11) property owners included under the agreement.
- v. Ed Vaughau (*11472 Oak Grove Road*) is retired from Chicago and is concerned that the road end is being advertised as a public beach by some groups.
- vi. Thomas Bobryk (*11421 Oak Grove Road*) noted that lake levels have dropped and are near the levels from 1997.
- vii. Deanna Hilburger (*11453 Oak Grove Road*) noted that the road end adds value to nearby residential properties because of the lake access.
- viii. David Jeroysek (*11454 Oak Grove Road*) has lived 17 years near the road end, noted that lake access is very important to residents. He does not support any changes to the agreement.
- ix. Joann Paul (*11288 Oak Grove Road*) is a 26-year resident and appreciates the re-opening.
- x. David Giuskud (*17681 Tamarack Lane*) notes that continual communication regarding the road ends is critical.
- xi. George DeWild (*12103 Bluewater Road*) his family has owned this property for 85 years. He believes that parking restrictions should be re-visited.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **No action** was taken by the Board regarding the proposed amendments to the Pathway Ordinance that allows for Class I and Class II electric bicycles.

Rather, the Board instructed staff to review the Pathway Ordinance for a “Due Care” provision. Further, if none exists, staff are instructed to include a Due Care provision within the proposed Pathway ordinance amendment allowing for eBikes.

- i. David Jeroysek (*11454 Oak Grove Road*) recommends a speed limit on the pathway.

- ii. David Giuskud (17681 Tamarack Lane) recommends a speed limit on the pathway.
- iii. Gene Phelps (11519 Oak Grove Road) noted that eBikes are important to older residents.

2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen and seconded by Trustee Redick to postpone action until the July 11th Board meeting on the proposed minor amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports

- i. Trustee Redick noted that NORA approved a 0.2 millage election for the November elections. This would be used for operations.
- ii. Supervisor Reenders noted that Planning Commissioner Chalifoux did not want to be re-appointed at the end of his term – August 31st.

2. Manager's Report

- i. Manager Cargo noted that there will be a Joint Planning Commission and Board work session on Monday, July 11th starting at 6:00 p.m. to review portions of the PUD Chapter of the Zoning Ordinance.

3. Others


IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (Non-Agenda Items)

- 1. Phillip Paul (11288 Oak Grove Road) requested an update regarding the landscaping for the GR water plan solar panel project. Senior Planner Thibault noted that storage of materials will begin in July and the project is scheduled to be completed by September 26th.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. **Which motion carried**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor