

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called the special meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

**Board members absent:**

Also present was Manager Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, Public Services Director Chappell, and Community Development Director Thibault.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve December 11, 2023, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$809,009.91 (A/P checks of \$531,020.30 and payroll of \$277,989.61
3. Approve 2024 Dust Control Contract with MCS
4. Approve 2024 Subdivision Paving List with Ottawa County Road Commission
5. Approve Hire of Part-Time Fire/Rescue Staff Aden Brink and Owen Vandervelde

**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 Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance and Conditional Zoning Agreement concerning the rezoning of 12853 160th Ave. from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). This is the second reading. **Which motion carried**, after the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. Trustee Redick noted that he supported the ordinance as drafted, but was opposed to the section allowing chickens on platted properties for the following three reasons:

- ✓ This would allow the keeping of livestock on “preliminarily residential” lands, as defined by the Department of Agriculture Site Selection GAAMP, which MDARD

has determined “is not acceptable”.

- ✓ Nearly all modern plats and site condominiums include restrictive covenants that expressly prohibit the keeping of chickens; and, if the Township starts approving this practice the Township would be creating conflicts.
- ✓ This an unlawful transfer of administrative decision making to a private individual and could allow for the use of prejudicial standards to be used – something the Michigan courts have held is not constitutional.

**Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve the proposed Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance with draft date of 12/05/2023 while deleting the section allowing chickens on platted property as proposed in Section 14.02 (B)(2)(g)(ii) and instructing the Planning Commission to further review the issue of chickens being raised on platted properties. This is the second reading. **Which motion carried**, after the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Trustee Redick supported by Clerk Larsen to approve Hamilton Helicopters to spray 3154 acres at a total cost of \$153,282.80 and instructs staff to make this change in the first quarter budget amendment. **Which motion carried.**

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 24-01-01, Grand Haven Charter Township’s financial depositories for fiscal year 2024. **Which motion carried**, after the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 24-01-02 approving a one-year license agreement with Arrowaste, Inc. for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, after the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

4. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Emergency Medical Services Agreement. **Which motion carried.**

## VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Manager’s Report
  - i. December Building Report
  - ii. December Enforcement Report

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor