

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

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

Board members absent:

Also present Assistant Manager Sherwood and Community Development Director Thibault.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 8, 2024, Special Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$1,419,852.06 (*A/P checks of \$936,063.34 and payroll of \$483,788.72*)
3. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds Regarding Boat Launch
4. Approve Low Bid for Tree Removal (*Lakeshore Pathway*) at \$26,625

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the items listed on the amended Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 24-02-01 approving a one-year license agreement with Allied Waste Systems (dba Republic Services of Muskegon) for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried**, after the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Meeusen, Larsen, Kieft, Behm, Redick, Wagenmaker, and Reenders
Nays: none
Absent:

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Redick to postpone further action on the proposed natural gas franchise ordinance that will replace Ordinance No. 398 until the March 11th regular Board meeting. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**

2. Discussion was held regarding the Township's Waste Hauler Ordinance. The following items were noted to potentially offer:
 - a. curbside recycling as a separate fee from waste pickup.
 - b. free recycling for seniors.
 - c. a senior discount program.
 - d. special collections event.

Staff were instructed to review offerings by other local municipalities and inquire with waste haulers the degree to which recycling loads are generally spoiled and unable to be recycled.

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. NORA meeting February 22
 - ii. Early Voting starts this Saturday, February 17 through Sunday, February 25; 9 days; The Township was designated as one of four Early Voting Centers. Early Voting is under the county control and jurisdiction.
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. January Building Report
 - ii. January Enforcement Report
 - iii. December Public Services Report
 - iv. January Public Services Report
 - v. December Legal Review
 - vi. It was noted that the **February 26th Township Board meeting** has been cancelled due to the Presidential Primary Election. The next Township Board meeting will be on Monday, March 11th.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Russ Boersma (Arrowaste) shared some history of Arrowaste starting in Zeeland with only six trucks and are now operating eighty trucks. Boersma shared Grand Haven Charter Township is the only municipality they work with that requires the submission of pricing, which he believes restricts the company. He also assured the board that all their recycling goes to the recycling center in Kent County.
2. Ambrose Fickel (17578 Duneside Drive) stated concerns about the short-term rental adjacent to his property. Fickel noted the standards of the rental ordinance with respect to the welfare of current residents. He requested the Board revoke the neighbor's short-term rental certificate of compliance.
3. Kelli Ann Fickel (17578 Duneside Drive) shared concerns such as encroachment, noise nuisances, and parking issues by renters adjacent to her property. She stated concerns related to loss of security, peaceability and safety. She requested the Board revoke the neighbor's short-term rental certificate of compliance.
4. Brook Bisonet (Attorney for the Fickels) affirmed his client's concerns about the short-term rental and requested that their short-term rental certificate of compliance be revoked.

Supervisor Reenders requested Township Staff respond to the Public Comments

Community Development Director, Thibault clarified the Township review process, civil matter issues, specific performance standards, the compliant status of the short-term-rental.

The Board requested further information be provided to them for review and recommended that Township Staff review the rental ordinance and permitting process and consult with the Township attorney regarding amendments to the rental ordinance.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor