

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2024**

**WORK SESSION – 6:00 p.m. in the Main Conference Room**

1. Auditor Doug Vredevelde presented the Township’s FY2023 financial audit noting that it was a “clean audit” and that the Township financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Township.
  
2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to enter closed session at 6:26 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meeting Act to consider a written legal opinion from Mika Meyers about RLUIPA, which is subject to the attorney-client privilege, and which is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. **Which motion carried** by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes:           Larsen, Kieft, Meeusen, Behm, Reenders  
Nays:  
Absent:        Wagenmaker

Wagenmaker entered at 6:44 p.m.

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to leave closed session at 6:53 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 7:01 p.m.

II.    PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III.   ROLL CALL

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

Also present was Manager Cargo, Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader, and Community Development Director Thibault.

IV.    APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V.     APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve May 13, 2024, Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$551,282.90 (*A/P checks of \$448,144.91 and payroll of \$123,137.99*)
3. Approve - Equipment Purchase of MAKO SCBA Filling System for New Fire/Rescue

Station (\$66,100)

4. Approve - Furniture Purchase from Trellis Office Design - MillerKnoll for New Fire/Rescue Station (\$122,500)

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Blueberry Woods PUD

Supervisor Reenders opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

1. Community Development Director Thibault provided a brief overview of the Planned Unit Development Project, reviewing the memorandum of May 28<sup>th</sup>.

There were no public comments.

Supervisor Reenders closed the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker supported by Treasurer Kieft to present and postpone further action until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting on the proposed Blueberry Woods Residential PUD application and rezoning of Parcel No.'s 70-07-23-300-001 from AG/RR, 70-07-23-300-022 from C-2, 70-07-23-300-024 from RR, and 70-07-23-300-039 from RR to Planned Unit Development. This is the first reading. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to adopt Resolution 24-05-01 that adopts the Post Audit May budget amendments for fiscal year 2024. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Meeusen to adopt Resolution 24-05-02 authorizing the installation and operation of streetlights and said operational and installation costs billed to the property owner and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Special Assessment Lighting District agreement for Stonewater Subdivision No 3. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Meeusen to present and postpone the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the conditional rezoning application for 16248 Warner St. from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Preserve (RP) and 16116 Warner St. from Rural Residential (RR) to Rural Preserve (RP). Further action will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting when the Ordinance and

Conditional Rezoning Agreement will be considered for adoption. This is the first reading. **Which motion carried.**

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Manager's Report
  - i. 2023 Annual DDA Report
  - ii. March COPS Report
  - iii. April Public Services Report
  - iv. April Legal Services Report (*provided to Board members only*)
  - v. Manager Cargo noted that the State Bureau of Elections (BOE) has determined that a Special Election to fill the vacancy on the Township Board will not be required. In brief, it was noted that the 14-day window for certification of the November election runs up to November 19<sup>th</sup> and the swearing in of the new Township Board members occurs on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, it is essentially impossible for the one candidate elected at a special election to serve.
- c. Others
  - i. Supervisor Reenders and Trustee Wagenmaker expressed concern regarding the Zoning Ordinance requirement that land divisions be at right angles (*i.e., rectangular*) with the only exception being water courses or dunes. They opined that certain ridge/tree lines should also be considered. Community Development Director Thibault will discuss the matter with Attorney Redick.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor