

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Meeusen, Kieft, Behm, and Reenders

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Assessing Director Larrison, Public Services Director Wade, and Assistant Manager Sherwood.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve September 9, 2024, Board Minutes
2. Approve September 12, 2024, Special Board Minutes
3. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$1,466,077.33 (*A/P checks of \$1,329,075.99 and payroll of \$137,001.34*)
4. Approve Appointment of Jim Loftis to the Downtown Development Authority/Brownfield Development Authority for a term ending August 31, 2027
5. Approve appointment of Mary Jane Belter and Jacquelyn Thoroughman to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a term ending August 31, 2027
6. Approve appointment of Jim Loftis, Cheryl Slater, and Mike Voss to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term ending August 31, 2027
7. Approve appointment of Bill Cousins, Brock Hesselsweet, and Carolyn Taylor to the Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2027.

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda, except for Item 7, which will be moved to “New Business”. **Which motion carried.**

Motion by Treasurer Kieft and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve Item 7 as a Consent Agenda Item, except for the appointment of Steve Wilson to the Planning Commission, which will be moved to “New Business”. **Which motion carried.**

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Truth-in-Taxation

Supervisor Reenders opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Assessing Director/Deputy Treasurer Larrison noted that the property tax millage rate will be decreasing from 6.0322 to 5.9035 mills. However, because of growth in the Township, the Township will collect about \$330k more in property taxes spread over seven funds, including the Museum and Four Pointes that are outside of Township control.

Robert Pett (*14710 Pine Dew Drive*) questioned whether the additional tax monies were “needed” by the various Funds.

There being no further public comments, Supervisor Reenders closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 24-09-06 approving the levy of an additional allowable millage rate of 0.1806 and authorizing Supervisor Reenders and Clerk Larsen to sign the L-4029 2024 Tax Rate Request.

Which motion carried, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt the proposed amendments to the Parking Ordinance that will prohibit parking in the entire width of the Ferris Street Right-of-Way, extending across Schmidt Heritage Park and Hofma Park. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve Resolution 24-09-07 authorizing the formation of a Housing Board of Appeals under Rental Guidelines Ordinance 605 as submitted. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 24-09-08 recognizing the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds as a nonprofit organization operating within the Township for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses.

Which motion carried, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. The Board discussed the proposed re-appointment of Steve Wilson to the Planning

Commission.

Treasurer Kieft noted an on-going ordinance violation since 2022 involving storage containing on Wilson's Ferris Street property and a sign violation this past Spring. Further, Treasurer Kieft expressed concerns with having a developer on the Planning Commission when the developer was representing a pending applicant (*i.e., Aldi Foods*).

Supervisor Reenders noted that Wilson had an approved site plan that would allow him to address the on-going storage container violation and stated that the Planning Commission benefited from having members that are knowledgeable in the development process, including able to read blueprints.

Questions were raised as to whether the storage container violation continued and if Wilson has a plan to address the matter. Manager Cargo noted that the violation continues until the storage container is removed.

Motion by Supervisor Reenders supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve the re-appointment of Steve Wilson to the Planning Commission for a term ending August 31, 2027. **Which motion failed**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Wagenmaker, Reenders

Nays: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Kieft

Absent:

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. August Public Services Report
 - ii. August Legal Review (*Board members only*)
- c. Other

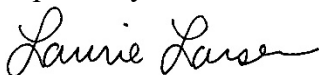
X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Joseph McCarter (*Georgetown Township*) requested that the Township approve a letter seeking the delay of the Consumers' Power Campbell electrical generating plant, scheduled for closure and demolition in 2025. Staff noted that Supervisor Reenders had previously requested that this issue be placed on the October 14th Board meeting agenda for discussion and possible approval.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor