

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 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: Wagenmaker, Larsen, Meeusen, Kieft, Behm, and Reenders

Board members absent:

Also present was Manager Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, Public Services Director Wade, Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader, Captain Schweitzer, Senior Planner Chaphalkar, and Assessing Director Larrison.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve September 23, 2024, Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$1,844,372.14 (*A/P checks of \$1,679,945.73 and payroll of \$164,426.41*)
3. Approve the hire of Part-time Firefighter Samuel Ortega
4. Approve Fire Station Technology and Security Purchase

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Reenders opened the Joint Special Assessment Public Hearing on Special Assessment rolls for Police Services, Sewer, Storm Drains, Delinquent Water and/or Sewer Payments, and Street Lighting 7:01p.m.

Deputy Treasurer Larrison provided an overview of the five (5) proposed Special Assessment Rolls noting that total estimated collection is \$807,371.34.

There being no public comments, Supervisor Reenders closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-01 approving the special assessment roll for police services in the amount of \$603,141.63 for FY2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Meeusen, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent:
2. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-02 approving the special assessment roll for sewer services in the amount of \$2,050.45 for FY2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Behm, Wagenmaker, Meeusen, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen
Nays:
Absent:
3. **Motion** by Trustee Meeusen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-03 approving the special assessment roll for storm sewer districts in the amount of \$75,040.98 for FY2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Kieft, Reenders, Meeusen, Behm, Wagenmaker, Larsen
Nays:
Absent:
4. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker supported by Treasurer Kieft to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-04 approving the special assessment roll for delinquent utility bills in the amount of \$6,598.25 for FY2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Wagenmaker, Larsen, Kieft, Reenders, Behm, Meeusen
Nays:
Absent:
5. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-05 approving the special assessment roll for street lighting in the amount of \$120,532.03 for FY2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Meeusen, Behm, Larsen, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Reenders
Nays:
Absent:
6. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt Resolution 24-10-06 approving that adopts the Fire Station Construction Fund Budget Amendments for fiscal year 2024. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Meeusen, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Reenders, Behm

Nays:
Absent:

7. **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 and Hofma Park. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Meeusen, Reenders, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Behm, Kieft
Nays:
Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed a letter requesting that the Michigan Public Service Commission delay the decommission of Campbell plant closure and demolition that is scheduled for 2025.

Joseph McCarter (*6408 Wrenwood Drive, Jenison*) encouraged the Board to adopt a letter to the Michigan Public Services Commission to keep the Campbell Plant open and opined that Consumers Energy did not have sufficient reliable electrical power to meet future energy needs for its customer base. He believes that Ottawa County should purchase the Campbell plant as a municipal power plant, if necessary.

Rich Houtteman (*Consumers Energy Community Affairs Manager*) noted that the Consumers Energy electrical plan has been reviewed and supported by numerous community groups including the Michigan Manufacturers and Chamber groups and the current shift away from coal to natural gas has allowed the company to be more nimble and agile. He noted that the company has one gas company that is on standby that can be started within a couple hours if needed and that gas is a better “back-up” than coal.

Trustee Meeusen is not supportive of government becoming directly involved in operating electrical power plants – believing that government would not be as efficient as a private or commercial operator.

Supervisor Reenders is concerned that the dredging of the waterway at the Campbell pier will not continue when the plant is closed.

Trustee Wagenmaker wants to ensure Consumers Energy has sufficient backup when the Campbell plant is decommissioned – especially since renewables are not always reliable.

After discussion, the Board took no action.

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Behm to adopt Resolution 24-10-07 approving a one-year license agreement with Anytime Junk Removal for waste collection and hauling services in Grand Haven Charter Township. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Meeusen, Reenders, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Behm, Kieft

Nays:
Absent:

3. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker supported by Clerk Larsen to present and postpone the rezoning application for Parcel No. 70-07-03-300-009 from Rural Residential (RR) to Single Family Residential (R-2). Further action will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting when the Ordinance will be considered for adoption. **Which motion carried.** This is the first reading.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Manager's Report
 - i. September Building Report
 - ii. September Enforcement Report
 - iii. September Public Services Report
 - iv. August COPS Report
- c. Other
 - i. Supervisor Reenders and Trustee Wagenmaker noted that the Overlay District "discourages" flat roof designs and does not allow overhead doors in front facing lots. Both believe that the Zoning Ordinance should be amended to change these restrictions.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor