

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024**

**WORK SESSION – 6:30 p.m.**

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Gaasch to enter closed session at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent’s annual performance evaluation pursuant to the Open Meetings Act at the Superintendent’s request. **Which motion carried**, pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Larsen, Gaasch, Reenders, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Behm, and Dumbrell

Nays:

Absent:

**Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to exit the 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:** Gaasch, Reenders, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Behm, Dumbrell and Larsen

**Board members absent:**

Also present were Manager Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, Finance Director Sandoval, Senior Planner Chaphalkar, Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader, and Assessing Director Larrison.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve November 25, 2024, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$726,938.52 (A/P checks of \$575,286.10 and payroll of \$151,652.42)
3. Approve 2025 Township Board Meeting Dates
4. Approve Appointments to the Township Board of Review
5. Approve Committee Appointments for Elected Officials
6. Approve Jim Loftis to Planning Commission Member - Term Ending 08/31/2027 and Approve Karen Egedy-Bader to Zoning Board of Appeals - Term Ending 8/31/2026.
7. Approve the hire of Part-Time Fire/Rescue Staff - Emma Ringelberg

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

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. Lieutenant Ryan DeVries provided an update on the Community Policing Program for Grand Haven Charter Township.
2. John Kinch provided a presentation of the draft plan of the Community Energy Plan of the Northwest Ottawa County, including five major strategies or recommendations for local governments to consider.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Gaasch to approve Resolution 24-12-01 that adopts the final budget amendments for fiscal year 2024. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Behm, Reenders

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 24-12-02 authorizing the revisions to the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual as submitted, effective January 1, 2025. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Behm, Wagenmaker, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen

Nays:

Absent:

3. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Clerk Larsen to postpone further action on the Tax Exemption Ordinance for Gracious Grounds PUD project. This is a first reading. **Which motion carried.**
4. The Board discussed updating the Township's Strategic Plan and instructed Township staff to work on an update and preliminary redraft. This amended Strategic Plan will be discussed and may be amended further by the elected officials at an upcoming work session. Items of concern noted by some elected officials included housing, transportation, and support for industrial expansion.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Clerk Larsen to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Ability Way Condominiums based on the application meeting the requirements of the Grand Haven Charter Township Subdivision Control Ordinance. **Which motion carried.**
  - a. This approval is conditioned upon the applicant making any revisions to the Master Deed and Bylaws as directed by the Township Attorney.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report, which included:
  - a. Manager Cargo noted that this was the final Board meeting for 2024 and the next Board meeting would be in five (5) weeks on Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. November Building Report
  - c. November Ordinance Review Report
  - d. November Public Services Report
  - e. November Legal Review (*Elected Officials Only*)

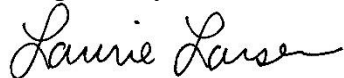
X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Ryan Cotton (*515 Park Avenue, Grand Haven City*) expressed support for the Community Energy Plan and the need for local municipal support of the strategic initiatives.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor