

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

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, Behm, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Kieft, Reenders, and Wagenmaker

**Board members absent:**

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

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve June 9, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$469,012.07 (*A/P checks of \$ 306,757.90 and payroll of \$ 162,254.17*)

**Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker, seconded by Trustee Gaasch to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Public Services Director Wade and Ottawa County Conservation District Invasive Species Specialist William Lathem presented a proposal from the Ottawa County Conservation District to treat the hemlocks in the Hofma Park and Preserve for the presence of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) in the amount of \$145k during the Fall of 2025 and the Fall of 2026.

It was noted that there are about 7,500 Hemlock trees in Hofma Park and Preserve and the trees are infected. The treatment would take about ten months for full efficacy and would be applied in the Summer of 2026 with the last up to seven or more years.

Tracy Weatherwax (*13700 Hofma Drive*) spoke in favor of funding the HWA program.

The Board instructed staff to include the proposals under “Old Business” for the July 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

2. The General Manager of the Board of Light and Power – Rob Shelley – provided an update on the electric utility. Shelley noted the current low residential and commercial rates and the \$17 million in reserves for the clean-up of Harbor Island. *(The BLP portion of the clean-up is estimated to be \$20 million with the City of Grand Haven responsible for an additional \$20 million.)*

BLP will be examining energy production options over the next 18 months – including cooperative arrangements.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker, supported by Trustee Gaasch to approve the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the conditional rezoning application for a portion of the property at 12853 160th Avenue (*Parcel #70-07-10-400-015*) from Agricultural (AG) to Rural Residential (RR). This motion is subject to, and incorporates the following condition:
  - a. A Conditional Rezoning Agreement shall be executed by the Township.  
This is a second reading. Which motion carried, as indicated by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Behm, Reenders  
Nays:  
Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch, supported by Trustee Behm to approve Resolution 25-06-03 that adopts the Post Audit June budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2025. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Behm, Wagenmaker, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen  
Nays:  
Absent:

IX. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report
  - a. 2024 DDA Report
  - b. May COPS Report
  - c. Second Quarter Business Plan Task List Review
    - i. Superintendent Cargo noted that staff had not begun calls on Business, which would be done in conjunction with the Chamber.
    - ii. Superintendent Cargo noted that a contract for a Phase II environmental Review of the Comstock/Mercury property would be completed. This would be completed before the property would be considered as a site for affordable housing.
  - d. Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader provided an overview of the Fire/Rescue Open House that will occur on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

3. Other

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Field Reichardt (*1053 Ohio, Grand Haven City*) noted he is the area Board member on the Road Commission and provided an update on Road Commission activities.

Reichardt provided handouts that will be placed in the mail slots of the Board members.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Trustee Larsen and seconded by Trustee Wagenmaker to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen  
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders  
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor