

GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, JULY 14, 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, Gaasch, Kieft, Reenders, and Wagenmaker
Board members absent: Dumbrell

Also present were Superintendent Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, and Public Services Director Wade.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve June 23, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$928,073.19 (A/P checks of \$607,206.33 and payroll of \$320,866.86)
3. Approve Low Bid from L&T Painting Company for the West Water Tank Paint and Repair Project (\$222k)
4. Approve Hire of Two (2) Part-Time Fire Fighters - Beau Ruster & Brayden Fitchett

Motion by Treasurer Kieft, seconded by Clerk Larsen to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda. **Which motion carried.**

VI. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch, supported by Clerk Larsen to authorize the Township Public Services Director to execute the contract documents with the Ottawa Conservation District for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) survey and treatment project, with costs not to exceed \$53,670 in Fiscal Year 2025 and \$91,200 in Fiscal Year 2026. **Which motion carried.**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker, supported by Trustee Behm to cancel the regularly scheduled July 28th Board meeting and instruct staff to post the cancellation pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and, on the Township, social media sites. **Which motion carried.**

VIII. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
 - Trustee Behm noted that NORA would be holding “Cheers For A Cause” Fundraiser at The Unicorn Tavern on Tuesday, July 15th starting at 6:00 p.m.
2. Manager’s Report
 - a. June Building Report
 - b. June Enforcement Report
3. Other

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Robert Morris (*17574 Buchanan Street*) expressed concerns regarding the Buchanan Street Road end (*e.g., trash overflow, parking, overcrowding, erosion, ordinance enforcement, and inappropriate behavior*) and expressed a willingness to work with the Township to amend the existing 1996 Court Order Settlement Agreement.

The Board instructed staff to (1) contact the Visitor Bureau to have the Buchanan Street road end removed from their list of “beaches”; (2) have the F/R department ensure that during periods of congested parking that fire apparatus can access both Buchanan and Blue Water and access the hydrants; (3) that Public Services will continue to empty the trash on a regular basis; and (4) will evaluate whether erosion control should be started prior to the end of the summer season.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor