

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Grand Haven Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

III. **ROLL CALL**

**Board members present:** Larsen, Behm, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Gaasch, Dumbrell, and Reenders.

**Board members absent:**

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

IV. **APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

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

V. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve August 25, 2025, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$733,627.97 (*A/P checks of \$568,648.13 and payroll of \$164,979.84*)

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

VI. **PRESENTATION**

Grand Haven Area Public Schools Superintendent Kristin Perkowski provided an update on district matters including the Strategic Plan and Master Plan that focused on the physical structures within the district.

It was noted that the average school building is 62 years old and that the district enrollment has declined about 1,000 students over the past decade.

Superintendent Perkowski reviewed potential major capital project overviews with the Township Board.

VII. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Truth in Taxation

Supervisor Reenders opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.

Assessing Director/Deputy Treasurer Larrison noted that the property tax millage rate will be decreasing from 5.9035 mills to 5.7519 mills. However, the average taxpayer will pay about \$38 more on their Winter Taxes due the increase in taxable values.

There being no public comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft, supported by Trustee Gaasch to adopt Resolution No. 25-09-01 approving the levy of an additional allowable millage rate of 0.1436 mills and authorizing Supervisor Reenders and Clerk Larsen to sign the L-4029 Tax Rate Request. **Which motion carried**, as indicated by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Behm, Reenders  
Nays:  
Absent:

2. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch, supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to adopt Resolution No. 25-09-02 that adopts the September 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. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft, supported by Clerk Larsen to adopt the 2026 detailed budget assumptions and policies as delineated by the Superintendent within the September 4th memorandum and to instruct the Superintendent to proceed with completion of a 2026 Fiscal Year line-item budget for Board review and consideration pursuant to state law and the proposed budget schedule. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to present and postpone the Zoning Map Amendment Ordinance concerning the conditional rezoning application for the property located at 14623 172nd Avenue, Parcel #70-03-33-300-074, formerly known as Parcels #70-03-33-300-067 and #70-03-33-300-013, from Agricultural (AG) to Regional Commercial (C-2). Further action will be postponed until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting when the Ordinance will be considered for adoption. This is the first reading. **Which motion carried.**

X. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager's Report
  - a. August Building Report
  - b. August Ordinance Enforcement Report
  - c. Broadband Update – 123Net
3. Other

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Gaasch to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Laurie Larsen

Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders

Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor