

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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, Gaasch, Behm, Dumbrell, Kieft, Wagenmaker, and Reenders.

Board members absent:

Also present was Superintendent Cargo, Public Services Director Wade, Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader, and Finance Director Sandoval.

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 October 27, 2025 Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$426,871.26 (A/P checks of \$274,429.99 and payroll of \$152,441.27)
3. Approve Hire of Part-Time Fire/Rescue Staff - William Reinink
4. Approve Low Bid for Ferris Street Water/Stormwater Project - Schmidt Brothers @ \$942,312
5. Approve Sale of Surplus Equipment - 2001 Smithco Leaf Sweeper

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING – Special Assessments for FY 2026

Supervisor Reenders opened the Joint Special Assessment Public Hearing on Special Assessment rolls for Police Services, Storm Drains, Delinquent Water and/or Sewer Payments, and Street Lighting 7:02p.m.

Deputy Treasurer Larrison provided an overview of the four (4) proposed Special Assessment Rolls noting that total estimated collection is \$849,397.48.

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 Trustee Gaasch to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-01 approving the special assessment roll for police services in the amount of \$638,854.97 for FY2026. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Larsen, Wagenmaker, Kieft, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Behm, Reenders
Nays:
Absent:
2. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-02 approving the special assessment roll for storm sewer districts in the amount of \$78,017.55 for FY2026. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Behm, Wagenmaker, Dumbrell, Gaasch, Kieft, Reenders, Larsen
Nays:
Absent:
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Kieft supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-03 approving the special assessment roll for delinquent utility bills in the amount of \$1,501.88 for FY2026. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Kieft, Reenders, Dumbrell, Behm, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Gaasch
Nays:
Absent:
4. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Clerk Larsen to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-04 approving the special assessment roll for street lighting in the amount of \$131,023.08 for FY2026. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Wagenmaker, Larsen, Kieft, Reenders, Behm, Dumbrell, Gaasch
Nays:
Absent:
5. **Motion** by Trustee Wagenmaker, supported by Trustee Dumbrell to approve and adopt the Water Ordinance Amendment which implements a 2.5% overall annual rate increase for each of the next five years, starting on January 1, 2026. **This is a second reading.** Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Dumbrell, Behm, Larsen, Kieft, Gaasch, Wagenmaker, Reenders
Nays:
Absent:
6. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch, supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the Sewer Rate Ordinance Amendment which implements a 3.5% overall annual rate increase for each of the next five years, starting on January 1, 2026. **This is a second reading.** Which motion carried pursuant to the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Reenders, Kieft, Behm, Dumbrell, Larsen, Gaasch, Wagenmaker
Nays:
Absent:

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen, supported by Trustee Dumbrell to approve the Final Plat for Stonewater Subdivision No. 4 based on the application meeting the requirements of the Grand Haven Charter Township Subdivision Control Ordinance. **Which motion carried.**

2. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-05 authorizing the revision to the Personnel and Procedures Manual regarding Residency. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Gaasch, Dumbrell, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Reenders, Behm
Nays:
Absent:

3. **Motion** by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve and adopt Resolution 25-11-06 authorizing the revision to the Personnel and Procedures Manual regarding Reimbursement of Expenses for Education and Paramedic Training. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Dumbrell, Reenders, Wagenmaker, Larsen, Behm, Kieft, Gaasch
Nays:
Absent:

4. **Motion** by Trustee Behm supported by Trustee Wagenmaker to approve a waiver under Section 2.12 to permit the hiring of William Vanderstelt as a part-time firefighter for Grand Haven Charter Township, confirming that no supervisory relationship will exist between the applicant and their stepparent employed by the Township. **Which motion carried.**

5. **Motion** by Trustee Behm supported by Clerk Larsen to authorize the release of the Grand Haven Area Communities Ambulance Service Agreement. **Which motion carried** with Reenders voting No.

IX. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Discussion was held on the Evaluation Procedure for the Superintendent in view of his planned retirement in January of 2027. The Board instructed staff to proceed with the normal evaluation process.
 - b. The Public Safety Committee will have a meeting on November 12th at 3:00 p.m.
2. Manager's Report
 - a. The Budget material for the Tuesday, November 18th Budget Work Session at 5:30 p.m. was distributed.

- b. There is a Chamber Forum on Child Care on November 18th @ 8:45 a.m. Please let Cargo know if you would like to attend.
- c. There is a Chamber Forum on Transportation on December 16th at 8:45 a.m. Please let Cargo know if you would like to attend.
- d. There will be a Special Board Work Session on December 8th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Ground Water Report from LEI.
- e. October Building Report
- f. October Ordinance Enforcement Report
- g. October Public Services Report
- h. The Annual Township Appreciation Dinner is Thursday, December 4th starting at 6:00 p.m. – Please RSVP, ASAP.

3. Other

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Gaasch to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor