

**GRAND HAVEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Reenders called 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: Gaasch, Reenders, Kieft, Wagenmaker, Behm, Dumbrell and Larsen

Board members absent:

Also present were Manager Cargo, Assistant Manager Sherwood, Fire/Rescue Chief Schrader, Lieutenant Marshall, Public Services Director Wade, and Senior Planner Chaphalkar.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

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

V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve January 26, Regular Board Minutes
2. Approve Payment of Invoices in the amount of \$687,920.18 (*A/P checks of \$370,183.39 and payroll of \$317,736.79*)
3. Approve Scrap/Disposal of Listed Surplus Equipment
4. Approval of Low Bid for the 2026 Service Line Replacement Project - VanDerKolk Plumbing at \$85,800

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

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Trustee Behm to approve and adopt the proposed ordinance to adopt the 2024 International Fire Code and Appendix B through I, K, L, N and O. This is a second reading. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

Nays:

Absent:

2. **Motion** by Trustee Gaasch supported by Trustee Dumbrell to authorize Administrative staff to seek the development of a cell tower on Township property near the intersection

of Mercury Drive and Comstock Street, and to authorize Superintendent Cargo to execute a non-binding agreement – with a 2.5% annual inflationary increase on the lease – with Galaxi Towers to prompt the company to proceed forward with a SLU application to construct a monopole wireless telecommunications tower on the Township property, Parcel # 70-03-35-251-072. **Which motion carried.**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion was held regarding the proposed Facility Use License with Life EMS. Trustee Wagenmaker stated that he is normally opposed to a government leasing – even on a short-term basis – to a for-profit entity since it erodes the rental market. Further, he proposed to table the matter to receive market analysis of the lease value from an outside source.

Staff explained the reasons for the proposed Use License Agreement, Spring Lake Township’s experience with leasing to Life EMS and noted that staff would support limiting the arrangement to a nine-month term.

Motion by Clerk Larsen supported by Trustee Gaasch to authorize Superintendent Cargo to execute the License Agreement between Life EMS and Grand Haven Township Fire Rescue. This agreement will be contingent on having an overall agreement with Life EMS to deliver ambulance services to GHT and area municipalities and a nine-month term from the signature date of the agreement. **Which motion carried** pursuant to the following roll call vote:

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

VIII. REPORTS AND CORESPONDENCE

1. Committee Reports
2. Manager’s Report, which included:
 - a. January Public Services Report
 - b. January Ordinance Enforcement Report
 - c. January Sheriff (COPS) Report
 - d. Review - Modified Administrative Office Hours
3. Other

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Randy Grasmeyer (*15331 Cove Street*) expressed opposition to the cell tower location because of health concerns related to radiofrequency (RF) radiation from cell towers.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clerk Larsen and seconded by Trustee Behm to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. **Which motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie Larsen
Grand Haven Charter Township Clerk



Mark Reenders
Grand Haven Charter Township Supervisor