

# BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.

BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

7:00 PM

APPROVED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Stanek, Saez, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib, Teceno present.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: 2020 Census

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Kelly Wawczyk, Mecosta County Development Corporation/The Right Place  
Paul Griffith, Recycle Mecosta:

A motion was made by Everett to approve of a contribution to Mecosta County Recycle for \$3,917 to help purchase their new forklift needed. Supported by Saez. Motion passed 5-2 on a roll call vote. Nays: Currie, Bean.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes:**
2. **June Financial Report:**
3. **Building Department Report:**
4. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:** Discussion on issuing tickets on civil ordinance for vehicles left in Highbanks park after hours to deter those from breaking the locks. Purchasing sign as well.
5. **Fire Department Report:**
6. **Sewer Department Report:**
7. **Water Department Report:**
8. **Planning Commission Minutes:**
9. **Supervisor's Report:**

A motion was made by Saez to approve of the consent agenda. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **SCBA purchase:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of the Fire Department purchasing the SCBA gear for \$149,056.00 from West Shore Fire using 50% of ARPA funds, and the remaining 50% financed from the Fire Dept. from the Township General Fund if needed. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Second sign quote for High banks:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of an additional sign from Sawhorse Stables for the Highbanks Park in the amount of \$636.88. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Flowers update:** Geib to call Mark Gifford.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Request to transfer Emily Buys to main fire roster.** A motion was made by Currie to transfer Emily Buys to the main Fire Roster. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Metro Act Request from Great Lakes Energy:** A motion was made by Currie to accept the \$500.00 from Great Lakes Energy in use of the right-a-way for the Metro Act. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Recommendation from planning commission to change ordinance # 153.262:** A motion was made by Currie to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to change ordinance 153.262 for a change of use. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed on a roll call vote. Bean abstained due to already voting as a Planning Commission member.
4. **Planning Commission recommendation for 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Plan:** A motion was made by Bean to approve of the Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2028. Supported by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **IRS Mileage rate change to 62.5 cents a mile starting July 1st:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of raising the IRS mileage rate to 62.5 cents a mile. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed 6-1. Currie, no.
6. **Draft, Social-Media-Policy:** A motion was made by Currie to accept the Social Media Policy Draft. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
7. **Draft, changes to township policies:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of Township Policy 7.1 Public Information Officer TO ADD: OR their designees. Supported by Everett. Motion passed.
8. **Other:**

## Discussion:

1. **Cemetery/Parks committee report and recommendations.** A motion was made by Currie to use ARPA funds for improvements at Highbanks including but not limited to: Fencing, dugouts, tree/brush removal, bleachers, infield dirt, playground equipment, signage, etc. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Other: 2020 Census** – everyone to review Group Quarters Policy in MTA.

## Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Everett to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$23,144.71. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$313,746.67. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Teceno on gates restoration update at Highbanks.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:39 p.m.**

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