

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM

AGENDA

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: __Stanek,__Saez,__ Currie,__ Bean,__ Everett,__ Geib,__ Routley

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Iltis Bill

CORRESPONDENCE: Survey Responses – letter from Lawrence Root and Beth Ranger

CONSENT AGENDA

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wal-Mart Tax Appeal: ITEM Q
2. Par Plan Grant: ITEM R
3. Other:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommendation to add Bob Szykowski to ZBA:
2. Brining of Gravel Roads: ITEM S
3. Recommendation to add Rachel Snyder to Fire Roster: ITEM T
4. Recommendation to add Noah Silk to Fire Roster: ITEM U
5. Fire Department DNR Grant: ITEM V
6. Mecosta Conservation District Hazardous Waste Collection: ITEM W
- 7.

Financial

1. Payroll: ITEM X
2. Accounts Payable: ITEM Y

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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COMMENTS REGARDING BRCT AND GOTION HIGH-TECH IN INDUSTRIAL PARK

The Township Board recently sent out a “Resident Survey” for residents of Big Rapids Charter Township (BRCT) regarding the significant expansion, and sale of, of the BRCT industrial park and related concessions to accommodate the building and operation of a Chinese-owned/backed (fully or significantly) factory to produce battery “components” for power sources for electrically powered vehicles (EVs) and, perhaps, other unspecified battery applications. As it is understood, the owners of the company will be purchasing the BRCT industrial park and a connected significant expansion of that park into Green Township. The survey form is attached with references to this document to allow for complete answers rather than short, cryptic ones that are really limited to non-substantive citizen input.

It should be noted that in its Fall, 2022 newsletter BRCT included two articles informing the residents of the project and heartily supported it to us. The first article, essentially promotional in tone, was titled, “A Dream Coming True” and a second, more factually based but still promotional piece, “A Dream Continued” was also included. This missive draws from both and private conversations with other local BRCT residents as well, of course, my own thoughts. Regarding the first article, I knew Maxine McClelland, the previous BRCT Supervisor, well and doubt that she would support a project of this scale with the issues it presents.

Preliminarily, it is noted that the public releases from the Township indicate that the product to be manufactured at the proposed factory are *components* for Li-on batteries, such intended for use largely in EVs. My comments will focus on what are assumed to be the greatest volume of product as well as the largest physically, those for use in/as batteries designed as the power sources for EVs.

Importantly, the relevant inquiries and issues regarding whether battery components or even fully completed Li-on batteries are safe isn’t the focus, but rather whether the materials and manufacturing processes used in making them are safe because the factory in question makes the components, apparently from raw materials or, possibly in part, smaller components made elsewhere. Storage plans for completed units would be a concern as the media has covered serious and hard-to-put out fires for such batteries stored in volume.

To “frame” the relevant comments it is felt it necessary to indicate that, while the I am not an opponent of EVs, actually supporting them conceptually as a *future* necessity, it is my firm opinion that rushing headlong into mass adoption of still developing technology that is immature at this point in time, committing to large-scale investments of time, capital, human resources and rare and valuable resources is ill advised and extremely poor public policy. We must recognize that we currently lack the battery technology to support a safe and reliable mass conversion to EVs. We further lack the infrastructure to “cut the cord” on fossil fuels, truly the primary source of electricity by far to charge EVs for the foreseeable future, or to make it widely and conveniently available for users to access it to support the wide variety and number of commercial and personal vehicles needed to offer any measurable argued benefits for such a significant move.

A full discussion of the science (“follow the science”, right?) behind those who are pushing with extreme effort to convert totally or even significantly to EVs is beyond the scope

of the issues before us, but are not irrelevant. I would be happy to have that chat at an appropriate time and place, but time pressures presented by the issue at hand require a crisp discussion of the immediate issues before us. These points are pressed now to underscore that the factory in question is almost certain to find itself on and in unsettled territory, technologically, financially and politically. Such makes its viability an issue key to this discussion.

Questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8: Opposed! See above. As a long term local resident I am very concerned about the effect of an overwhelming number of new residents who will be employed at the proposed facility, and their families, coming to this largely rural/small town environment, plus the additional population increases needed to provide services to the added workers. It is understood that some of the plant's employees will be hired from the local population. Employees will be moving here and will, of course, be bringing their families too. As the "A Dream Continued" article notes, "For every job created in industry, approximately 3 more jobs are created to support these people". The article concludes, on this point, "It will enhance all local businesses". However, it is likely that new consumer-oriented businesses will come in to service the increased population, meaning competition for existing local businesses and an exacerbation of the population increase as new businesses will inevitably involve at least a good part of their employee base moving here to work also. That, of course, adds to the upward-moving population load. We will be looking at a significant increase in the population in this area, however defined. There will be stresses on the school systems, public and private, that will be difficult to accommodate and finance without degrading the education offered to the new arrivals and the existing students. Utilities will be stressed. The retail sector of the local economy will be pressed to expand to service the largely increased population. The roads system will be stressed to the point that repairs and modest upgrades will not be sufficient. The housing sector will be immediately impacted, both as to availability and pricing.

As an example, Big Rapids currently has a population of around 8,948. BRCT and Green Charter Township have populations of 3,917 and 3,219 respectively. The total population for those three geographically near entities is 16,048. The new arrivals will likely not only live in those governmental units, but for comparative scale, up to 11,000 people may be added to the local population once the plant is up and running, just counting the plant's employees and their families, Add to that the people moving here to work in new or expanded businesses serving the needs of the new plant employees and their families and it is clearly seen that the increase will be far beyond that the planners seem to have accounted for to date. Regardless of how large one "draws the circle" for the impacted area regarding population, **we're looking at a fundamental change in the nature of the area we love and live in.** The planners acknowledge this in the article "A Dream Continued" when they write "This will change our community, and a lot of people do not want change." It's not that change isn't wanted, rather it's too much change happening too fast that must be avoided! I have lived in Big Rapids and Big Rapids Charter Township for nearly 70 years. The area certainly has changed since the 1950s, but it's been incremental. The change we're looking at here is substantial and relatively quick. The materials circulated in support of the project note that this will be the largest industrial project in Northern Michigan to date. I submit there's a reason for that. Those who live here like it here for the lifestyle it provides. It's "vibe" to use a modern term. Growth for the sake of

growth, on this comparative scale, is not the measure of good public policy. Rather how such, and much, growth can be accomplished to favorably impact the area should be. I believe this project will detract from the very things that brought most of us here and keep us here. We are not discussing just the building of a factory but being faced with all that such a large operation brings with it and the changes it causes to the communities, and existing residents, near it.

As discussed in the introductory comments, it is my firmly held belief that the battery-component operation will find itself in a challenging business/market. If the community scales up to welcome a relatively new population, only to see its employment source not meet expectations and shrink below hopes, or actually “crashes”, the effects will linger for the remaining locals for a very long time, with much of the local area seeing the decay that comes with an economic collapse. It is noted that the US is already facing challenges to its economy. Frankly, the changes either way will affect the population being asked to live with and adapt to the inevitable changes will have significant negatives for them to deal with. Larger cities can absorb such significant changes in numbers, small towns cannot. It is submitted that an operation of this size is simply poorly scaled for an area like ours, being better suited to areas with larger existing populations and the ability to absorb more as well as the risks presented. “Up North” is, and should remain, focused on what draws and keeps us here.

I am not anti-business. My family moved here in the 1950s to relocate their manufacturing business from suburban Chicago (thankfully!) and I grew up with and worked in that factory setting in Rogers Heights, Big Rapids and BRCT. That business had 100 employees in the factory at the time the business was sold as a going concern. My undergraduate degree, from Ferris, is in business, with a near minor in economics. Business is necessary to all communities. The question is one of scale and relevant “intangibles”.

As for “intangibles”, we cannot, and should not, ignore that China is a significant “player” in the business in question. The Chinese Communist party (CCP), which truly controls China and its interests, I submit is a significant “player” in this project. It may try to distance itself from this company, and may have minority co-owners involved, but rest assured it is “here” in this issue. The promotional materials and other sources refer to this operation as being owned by China, so arguments to the contrary can and should be ignored. China often partners with other, even Western, interests in its industrial and commercial enterprises with them holding minority interests, but it most certainly positions itself to control such operations.. Communists focus on control and the CCP is the driving force behind that mindset. China has postured itself as the primary geopolitical adversary to our nation. WHY should we cooperate in supporting their economic base and its expansion, especially on our soil? Their risk is only financial, which I believe is their calculation. Ours is the quality of the very lives we live in terms of the how and where and “what-if”. I am not anti-Chinese. I admire that nation’s history and accomplishments. However, we are not dealing with a romantic vision of the China of history, or what we can hope to be their successful future. We simply must be realists in our dealings with the China of today, the China at our door. If the plant does not prosper for any of a variety of reasons China will leave, cutting its losses. It is us who are left with the debris. Either way we are the ones who must adapt to the ramp-up and the reality of any draw-down that occurs.

Regarding the relationship between China and the US, very recently (within days of this typing) a 4-star general in the US Air Force is forecasting that we will be in a “hot war” (a

paraphrase) with China as soon as 2025 and is requiring the forces under his command to prepare themselves and their affairs accordingly. At least one member of Congress has publicly concurred in that assessment, with more anticipated to chime in. Briefly, the environment giving rise to these predictions are our 2024 election, China's views on the existing US leadership and the issues regarding Taiwan on which we and they disagree. If it does come to war, and we all should pray it does not, how does that bode for the business we are discussing? Such is, and should be, a cloud over the long-term viability of the business in question, even its initial advisability. This is a poor time to seriously consider a proposal already burdened with numerous problematic considerations.

Question 6. Batteries are largely made of "rare earth" minerals. Mining them is considered sufficiently dangerous to the environment that such operations are primarily overseas, including China. Most of us have heard or read accounts describing such mining operations as involving slave and child labor, including both in China. That presents us with a severe moral dilemma. The substances used in the manufacturing processes of this plant are hazardous to humans, requiring strict and reliable environmental protections, areas China and Chinese business interests often have not proven adept at, a defect reflecting their priorities and business calculations. The risk of even small quantities leaking into our soils and water supply must be considered. Ask people from Flint about water contamination. Michigan is a water-rich state, and virtually all our water resources, surface and subsurface, are interconnected. Toxic contamination is enough of a risk that there must be strong reasons for us to accept them. It is submitted that such are not seen, or exist, here.

A more complicated issues is the amount of the minerals needed to make such batteries. The impressive numbers have appeared in releases regarding this project. These raw materials are identified as "rare" in their very name, "rare earth". It has been submitted that the technology and manufacturing processes for making especially EV batteries need substantial maturation. Further, existing battery technology has not yet produced batteries that are not prone to spontaneously combust/explode and do not yet carry sufficient capacity of charge to meet demands for common transportation. The switch to EVs, as pressed by advocates for such, is the complete replacement of internal combustion engines (ICE) in what all seem to acknowledge is a compressed timeframe. The discussions cover not only personal transportation vehicles, but commercial rigs such as "semis" and other trucks, railroad trains, cargo-transport ships, airplanes, etc. Not only is battery technology a huge obstacle to such objectives, but the very ability also to generate sufficient amounts of electricity to charge batteries with current technologies is far beyond our present reach, even with traditional means of generating electricity let alone the popular "green" alternatives touted loudly these days, wind and solar. It seems that those pressing hard on this move to EVs are primarily from urban populations where people are densely packed and public transportation far more available. I submit that such populations have a hard time understanding the needs of our populations outside the areas they live in.

Question 7. I honestly have a hard time identifying a sufficient upside to warrant the negatives. I defers to others to "make the case" for us to welcome the risks believed inherent in the proposal before us.

To: Big Rapids Township Board Members

RE: Gotion

I'm writing to express my thoughts on the possible approval of the Gotion battery component manufacturing plant that will be in Mecosta County. Having recently purchased 18+ acres of property in Big Rapids Township and being a resident of this Township I have serious concerns on this particular plant both purchasing property and operating their battery factory.

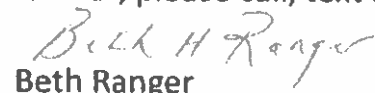
Regardless of the insistence that Gotion is NOT a Chinese owned company, it IS a Chinese owned company. Yes, it is internationally traded, but that does not change the fact. At a recent meeting held to answer questions from residents, I noticed many people who expressed their concerns about the fact the plant is Chinese owned. There was a general "ha ha" from from a certain township official and Mr. Thelen as though those poor souls were just naïve about the big world. Please start educating yourself on what the Chinese are doing world wide. If it's Chinese, the CCP has a hand in it.

At that same meeting a young lady gave a passionate speech about our children having the opportunity to stay in this community with a good paying job. I don't know about you, but my goal for any child reaches significantly higher than a battery factory worker. Seriously, what kind of goal is that?

Watching all this "green" movement and studying it from many angles, I can not find how this technology will benefit the world in the long run. You have very dangerous materials, you have horribly underpaid people in foreign countries and you have a technology that will be obsolete in just a few short years. And, we will be stuck with a massive plant that will be a brownfield.

Please look beyond the immediate future and consider this project in the long run. Not all decisions should be based entirely on the economic value you perceive. We have a beautiful, natural, clean environment here. Capitalize on that please.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should any of you wish to discuss this further, please call, text or email me.



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Item "A"

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

7:00 PM

UNAPPROVED

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kelly W. update from MCDC - Gotion was pursuing in a different state and wanted that done first - want to make sure this project is going forward since it will take longer. Goal is to have "something going in the spring" in March or April bump up "breaking ground".

Currie - Anticipating sale of properties in February?

Kelly - If EGLE says it can happen yes, but wetland issues has Gotion 3 months behind.

Currie - That will be pushing it because of zero communication from lawyer regarding the development agreement.

Kelly - The timeline that was shared - could go off of that but things are shifting, we know what order but deadlines have all shifted as of 1/3/23. If EGLE says we can't mitigate wetlands, Gotion will walk away. Tests done with MEDC and engineers. Wetland study on industrial park done in depth. 2 studies working on she believes.

Bean - Timeline with various milestones on it - who's handling which milestones? Responsible party? Please add to the timeline and update.

Kelly - Will update and send tomorrow.

Paul - general comment "having been involved in a lot of economic projects, no such thing as a straight line, very typical, you can ask anyone who does it for a living. 2 steps forward 3 steps back.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Bean - 1. Access to information that we put on the website - Hannah to update with the website company.

2. Consider a mailer to citizens and a survey? Bean - move that we send mailer out with stamped return to residents asking 3-4 questions. Reach out to KCI and have it done. Saez seconds. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Industrial park committee meeting? A motion was made by Bean to form an Ad Hoc committee for the Industrial Park and schedule asap. Geib seconds. Motion passed unanimously.

4. David Kirwin to find someone to do an appraisal on the industrial park. A motion was made by Bean to hire an appraiser for the Industrial Park. Everett seconds. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. December 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes:
2. December 14, 2022 Special Meetings Minutes:
3. October Treasurer's Report:
4. December Financial Report:
5. Building Department Report:
5. Cemetery and Grounds Report:
6. Fire Department Report:
7. Sewer Department Report:
8. Water Department Report:
9. December Board of Review Minutes:
10. Utility Committee Minutes:
11. Supervisor's Report:

A motion was made by Saez to approve of the consent agenda with the change of July 4th board meeting to Wednesday, July 5th. Supported by Bean.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Quote on fire hall basement:** A motion was made by Bean to approve of the FD basement quote from Ayers Basement Systems in the amount of \$16,193.57. Supported by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **ARPA Expenses:** Discussion.
3. **Facebook/Social Media Policy Update:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the social media policy update, along with the removal of the FD from the first line, and adding Bill as an admin to the FD Facebook pages. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Fire Department merit/award patches:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of the proposed FD awards/patches. Supported by Bean. A motion was made by Geib to allow the FD to buy awards up to \$700 for 2023. Supported by Currie with the suggestion that it comes out of the community promotions line item. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **Other:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Siegfried Crandall authorization:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the auditors for 2022. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Motion to set Mileage rate for 2023 at 62.5 cents per mile:** A motion was made by Bean to adopt the IRS mileage rate indefinitely. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Proclamation of Recognition:** A motion was made by Geib to adopt the proclamation as presented for FSU. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **I-Pad recommendation and quotes from David for Board members:** A motion was made by Bean to purchase 7 Ipads with keyboards and covers for the township board. Supported by Saez. Motion passed 6-1. Currie, no.
5. **Water Plant operator contract for 2023:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of the water plant contract to continue with Cushway for 2023 until otherwise noted. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **2023 User Charge Report:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of the 2023 User Charge Report in agreement with Green Township and the City. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously. An additional motion was made by Currie to include the user charge on utility billing. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Committee Appointments:** Everett and Currie - Cem, Routley and Bean - FD, Everett and Bean - Roads, Geib and Stanek - Utilities, Industrial Park Ad Hoc - Bean and Saez.
8. **St. Mary-St. Paul request:** No action taken.
9. **Other:**

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of Incorporating Direct Deposit in 2023. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. A motion to approve of Payroll for December in the amount of \$21,853.81 was made by Currie. Supported by Bean. 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 \$90,683.13. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Iltis Construction:** A motion was made by Bean to approve the Iltis Construction Invoice in the amount of \$21,072.25. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:24pm.

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**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
6:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

Item "B"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Stanek, Saez, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib, Routley present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Bean - discuss facts posted to the website and the misinformation given at the State of the Township and 9&10 News.

NEW BUSINESS: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss concerns amongst Board members, and attorney updates. Called by Bean and Currie.

C. Bean - We should create factual information on our page not mislead the public - we don't want to betray the trust of the township.

H. Saez - Comments/accusations as a board on meetings we aren't invited to from Tracy Ruell - accused of missing a zoom call on 3rd with EGLE that not one of us were invited to or CC'd on any email. Please clarify (Bill) - States he did have a meeting and that Kelly came and reported on the meeting.

H. Saez reads Carman's comment "Whether Gotion is or is not a Chinese company should not influence one's decision on supporting or opposing this project. What should be considered is if this is a good fit for the community. The Chinese connection reference in the BRCT survey was considered carefully. To omit the reference would have been misleading. Further, the Chinese people are very proud of their culture and its technological accomplishments. To exclude their role in this endeavor has the potential to offend them. At this point, in this most fragile process, the controversy, disrespect and divisiveness displayed in the recent posts may lead Gotion to decide that our community is not "a good fit for them." Please, could everyone at least pretend that we are civil. Let us all think before we post. "

I commend Bean for saying this and couldn't have said it better myself. That same night, we discover that Bill has made a statement to 9&10 saying "It is not a Chinese company"

Stanek - "That's not what I said"

Saez - That's exactly what you said.

Currie - There are two main concerns of our residents. The company's origin, and the environment. If we cannot get the first one right, how are we supposed to get the second right?

Bean - **Not one board member has gone on record whether they are in favor or opposed to this.** So there's an awful lot of innuendo from Paul Griffith, Jim Chapman, Bill and from others. People who have no idea because they don't have information. Just 5 short weeks ago did we get the info that Green Twp has had for months. You told us you had to sign a confidentiality agreement and there was none.

Stanek - "Whatever you say"

Currie - We want you to recant your statement with 9&10 on film.

Bean - Our job is to represent our constituents. You are not doing that.

Stanek - I apologize if that's how you feel. I will talk to our attorney about that.

Bean - I move that we appoint an individual to recant and revoke policy that Bill is spokesperson even if it's a one time temporary motion.

Currie - I don't understand why you don't think it's misleading Bill.

Stanek - I don't think it is.

Saez - And you have a room full of people laughing.

Stanek - They're welcome to. I don't care.

Bean - We know you don't and that's the problem.

Saez - Reads letter, including numerous disrespectful comments made by Stanek regarding board to numerous people. Continues with Ethics policy, and broken ethics policies by Stanek in question. Disclosure of conflict of interest - not informing board of Treasurer position with MCDC, or signing a confidentiality agreement with them with knowledge of the project far before informing the board; truthfulness, information acquired, community decisions, community role models, transparency, representation of township interests.

Currie - Stop right there - townships best interests. Not the county's, not MCDC. The Township. In addition the code of ethics that you refused to sign because of religious beliefs. As an elected official you must be open and honest with your board, and you have failed to do that numerous times.

Bean - Your comment to us is always "Recall me". I would like to request your resignation.

Stanek - According to our attorney you have to request it. You can request it but I will deny it.

Saez - As many times as you've asked us to recall you and then you won't. You don't feel you've done anything wrong?

Stanek - I do not.

B. Schriver - I'd like an explanation of why you can't sign the ethics policy due to your religious beliefs.

Stanek - I will not share that in public.

Lenny - Bill I think you should be ashamed of yourself. I have heard you say that this is not a Chinese company. You are a typical politician and you don't ever have to be held accountable for your actions.

Chuck Healey - Just an outsider looking in - I've heard several things - varying degrees of Chinese ownership. I've been asking questions. I was also told by Tracy Ruell - talk to Jim Chapman he has the documentation. I talked to him and he said "I don't have anything, it's just what I heard." You're just taking someone's word on it. That's the problem.

One thing I've heard - and maybe this will help - if someone were to ask - on the FAQ sheet it says "Gotion is not owned by the chinese government" and that is a huge tap dance around everything because if I wouldn't say that "Mcdonalds is not owned by the American government."

Bean - It is a spin. Initial questions were not questions the public was asking. Answers go in circles.

Schriver - Someone from the right place - comments about not getting the right answers, stating the "difference in culture"-first red flag I saw.

Lenny - Signs all over asking for people to work and how will we find the people?
Surveys don't mean anything.

BRT female resident - How do you feel about them tapping into our resources?

Bean - Only resources of ours used would be water and electricity, not mining here as we don't have the material to mine.

Resident- Are they going to be refurbishing batteries here?

Lenny - One time they say building batteries and one time they say components.

Currie - Explains the process of how they are built after her discussion with a battery director.

See conversation below

Resident - They're calling for a huge amount of refurbished batteries because this is such a new concept and the scientists are not sure how to dispose of the waste safely.

Currie - Waste explained "capture what they can", as we are told.

Paul Bullock - (Speaking to Currie) I meant no disrespect, when quoted 5x multiplier -Only unsure who you got it from because I saw 2.3-3.7 according to 3 studies from "professionals" but point is never heard of any type of multiplier like that.

Currie - A battery plant director. He knows what he's talking about because he's seen the influx first hand.

Resident - Where are they getting the water?

Bean - That would be negotiated; a couple wells on our property that has a few customers.

Resident - I had a customer move out of BR because of no housing for middle income - and they were told by the city that they didn't have enough water when the college kids are in session. Is that going to affect our water table?

Saez - Chuck Thelen (Gotion VP) committed to having a water study done at the Ren zone meeting but we've heard nothing on that yet.

Cate Arroe - Why are questions asked of only the people going to benefit and why not asking people who could announce the cons of the project. It's The Right place, Gotion, Ferris. No environmentalists. Wondering if we are only getting pros but interested to see vast cons of the project.

Saez - I've reached out to numerous EGLE reps - no response; In addition to the recent meeting that we were not included in recently, with EGLE.

Stanek - Kelly informed the board of wetland study.

Cate - Could I request that someone comes to a meeting with the cons?

All - yes. **Cate**; "said requested".

Saez - Bill could you share what you learned in the meeting with EGLE?

Stanek - A lot of the acreage they want to use and some are wetlands.

Currie - If they want to use wetlands they have to transfer the wetlands. If they're going to build on the wetlands they must replace them. If they can recreate them within a certain mile radius then they can. Had to submit other plans to EGLE.

This is an example of information we would like to know about. I personally was invited to this meeting last Friday and that's the only reason I know what I'm telling you now.

Resident - What is the deadline of the project?

Currie - We've heard March 31st, break ground by March, first of April, possibly February. Answer always changes, so unsure.

Bean - Would like their proposed timeline online and public.

Resident - Do I have the right to ask what the board thinks about this company?

Stanek - You can ask for opinions.

Currie - I think I can speak for everyone when I say we don't have enough information to make a decision.

Joe Bechaz - Comment on Walmart/Meijer and wetlands.

Currie - Addressing Twp boards concerns - Asks if there is a contingency plan with Green Township if BRT were to vote no.

Stanek - That's up to Green Twp. I've heard there is a contingency plan.

Chapman - As much animosity as there is here I'm not interested. Sure Bill for you, be happy to. There has been serious concerns on how this board is going to go and what it's going to do and in order to save this opportunity for the community we have been trying to develop a plan B. No formal plan but discussions on whether or not it could be handled; depends on wetlands.

Joe Bechaz - Isn't Green Twp's land all private property does green twp have anything to do with that?

Chapman - Public act stuff but sale of property is private.

Everett - I'd like to address the lack of relationship between townships - we have something in common and I don't understand why you and Bill aren't working to bring the boards together to share ideas and concerns.

Chapman - It's very simple i've tried multiple times to satisfy info on one on one basis - trying to get us to come to meetings. Board member shoving finger in face saying you're wrong;

Everett - This board would welcome you to come to our meetings - I've been to several of yours now and you let me speak and I appreciate that. **Bill** - I'd like to speak to that I think we really need to start working together.

Saez - Well that would start at the misinformation ending.

Schrivver - Well stating "trying to save this opportunity" feels like you've already decided.

Chapman - Believe it's a generational opportunity. If we can sit civilly because it is in the best interest of my residents. Development plan needs to be worked out.

Resident - I seem to think there are lots of unanswered questions - Is there any way to document those and try to have answers?

Stanek - Project is so fluid, haven't gotten design together, lots cant be answered right now.

Resident - As a leader of the community you all are supposed to know.

2-3 years employing 50-100. It will be very automated. No definite thing to say we want this for the jobs. Any way possible to speak to someone who knows what's going on and get information for us?

Chapman - Clawbacks - no money until break ground. Certain requirements must meet or have to give money back. Hook to keep them honest and ensure goals are met.

Bean - Amount of incentives with detail on website.

Resident - What all questions have been asked?

Saez - I've compiled a list with all meetings and The Right Place answered what they could. Chuck Thelen told us a minimum of 300 jobs and also bringing foreign people to get the plant "up and running."

Resident - Where will they house them?

Saez - That's another question we've asked. Asked about Ferris housing rumor.

Resident - Are my taxes going to go up because of this? Who's going to pay for the roads to repair them from the traffic, the infrastructure etc?

Bean - 50 million dollar infrastructure grant

J Bechaz - Couldn't say how it would be distributed yet

Stanek - Property taxes could go up if property value goes up

Bean - Double edged sword. Wonderful if you're selling, not so good for the next generation buying. My home might increase in value, great.

Everett - When the government spends tax dollars, where do you think we get those dollars, no single politician saying let me contribute.

Chapman - If we drop this project will taxes go down? No. We just got the opportunity for it to come here.

Paul - I live in Chippewa Twp and I'm the county administrator - I have no anticipation of taxes going up unless property taxes go up. State tax dollars going into it - no control over that.

Everett - Yes you do by who you elect.

Paul - Any bond indebtedness will still be paid, possibly only 50%, but could be paid off quicker which could result in reduction of taxes.

Bean - Or another bond; audience concludes; yes another bond.

Paul - But those are voted on. The MEDC analysis, they project would have a 3.13 multiplier; every job will create 2.13 other jobs within the community. Right from MEDC application. Bottom line - tax dollars spent? Absolutely. Local tax dollars - no. **To Mr. Stanek - to say it's not a Chinese company, I will not take that position.** I will take the position that it is a multinational corporation that is headquartered in china. Which, if that makes Ford a US company, this would be a Chinese company. But I would argue that it is a not a Chinese government owned company.

Currie - No one is saying that. So why not simply say it's a Chinese company with multinational directors? Why cover it up?

Paul - I'm fine with taking that tact.

Currie - There lies our problem. Being told multiple different things - led to do our own research which has led to pros and cons. When MEDC wrote a letter to the strategic fund, there were other things not accurate. Not saying if the multiplier is accurate or not, but it has led us to look elsewhere for information.

Saez - Additionally at the ren zone meeting Chuck had said there was a phase 3 that we weren't aware of and that's why we may have different information on a multiplier estimate.

Paul - He did allude to the fact that there was a phase 3. Phase 1 is 150,000 tons of raw materials. Big roll of film coated with "some stuff", 10 acres of buildings. Phase 2 - 40 acres under roof, but when we talk about jobs, 500 in first year; by year 3 about 700, year 5 additional 800; ramping it up. If this happens, and they don't fulfill - clawback provisions. If this happens and they do a 10 year build out the last group of people that they hire are in 7th grade right now. Generational project. Time to ramp up. Chuck explained in study they went 45 mins for job fulfillment. It's their problem if they can't fulfill jobs, not ours. I understand you're getting a lot of pressure from many different directions - all I would ask that you do is just do what you're doing to get the facts you can gather. There are things we don't know and cannot provide. Fed/state Government has regulatory agencies that are a pain in the neck for manufacturers and they will watch out for us.

Paul - was there a 2nd plan at the Ren zone meeting? Yes, I drafted a resolution for my board that if BR Twp didn't want to participate and Green did, my board would have considered that. That wasn't necessary because you did want to participate. ***Take note of Tony Geib's comment coming up shortly after this***.

Joe bechaz - Paul, are you representing the county?

Paul - I'm me, Paul.

Bechaz - Well you keep saying you're the county administrator.

Saez - Do you believe that any standing board members of the MCDC should have Abstained from voting on the Ren zone, and should they abstain from voting on the sale of the land?

Paul - No, because MCDC doesn't have any economic interest in this.

Currie - You mean financial?

Bechaz - Your director works for The Right Place.

Paul - She works for us.

Bechaz - No she works for The Right Place.

Paul - We contract with The Right Place for her services.

Bechaz - There you go.

Paul - There was a back up resolution, I drafted it; just wanted you to know.

Bean - We know that.

Saez - We just want to know now if there's a contingent plan for the company to go entirely in Green township if BR township was to vote no.

Paul - Not to my knowledge. My fondest hope is that we can do this together. Don't hear anyone up here saying they are a hard no. So I'm still hoping.

Bean - A lot of people think we are. It comes from up North.

Routley - to Paul - You seem to be quite jumpy at the 5 times multiplier, as the administrator is there a number that you think would be too big for us?

Paul - No.

Routley - Could we withstand a million people? That to me seems like too many so you can't come up with just a number off the top of your head?

Paul - No because it will be organic growth. The minute this broke the city started getting inquiries for hotels. People see opportunity. Look to South - some places with no large city but still 60-70 thousand people. Could we handle that? Yeah sure. Schools would love it. Ton of positive economic things that could happen. My kids graduated from Evert. I have watched Evert rise and fall, mostly fall with places closing in recent years. Handled influx without problem - struggles were with people leaving. Handled expansions very well. I have faith in resiliency of our community.

Saez - Chapman claimed in one of his comments that the county thinks our board is foolish for questioning any of this, so I would like to clarify that comment. He wonders where the animosity comes from but he continuously disrespects us on a public platform.

Paul - well first of all, if you look at my facebook you'll find nothing. But if you say something to my face, I care about that because let's talk, let's have a discourse.

Bean - Paul I appreciate your input this evening.

Lenny - There's an expression, the fish, she rots from the hat. You are the fish. Bill, we would not have this tonight if you would have been 100% open with your board. I believe you

already closed. Let's be more deliberate than the city was, and a lot of what I hear on this is financial incentives.

Everett - Before we close the meeting I'd like to understand what we've accomplished. Bill, what can I expect you to do, what do you expect us to do?

Stanek - One thing I'd like to do is work with Green township.

Joe Bechaz - I suggest Bill and Jim don't meet one on one. Have additional board members. You'd be surprised how smooth things went when you weren't counting on one persons commentary.

Stanek - I'd like to have both boards.

Saez - Last bit of info to update boards - update from attorney on possibly appraisers for property. Additionally, I motion to make a meeting with our attorney to discuss our term sheet and the legal opinion that was given to us tonight. Supported by Bean. Unanimous support.

Routley - I think the joint meeting should wait upon survey results.

Resident- Can you all get on the same page and support each other. You have no idea how much control you have over what the rest of the lives will be like for our children here. Stop thinking about yourselves and think about our children. Do the right thing.

Tony Geib- It was brought up tonight, the very fact that it was said that several other community leaders were concerned about "this board and what it would do", with something we weren't even informed of ahead of time. Why would they think that before they even informed us? I know Penny likes to say that I don't say a lot. But that speaks volumes Bill and that's all I'm going to say.

Bean - They came with a contingency plan to the renaissance zone meeting, and we hadn't even known about it for a week. They came with an application in their hands.

JBechaz - Well Bill knew about it for 1.5 years before that. Now you know why I suggested having more board involvement in conversations.

Geib - We made a motion and voted on that as well and it still hasn't happened.

Chuck Healey - Point of clarity - discussion about Bill recanting what he said to the news, discussion about having someone else do that. Can I get clarity on where we are on that?

Currie - Carman's motion still stands and I support it.

Saez - Carman moved to appoint an individual to recant the statement if Bill was not willing to do so.

Stanek - I told you I need to talk to the attorney first.

Bean - You didn't before you said it.

Stanek - All in favor of the motion say I; all say I, Stanek "abstain".

Everett - I don't think you can.

Stanek - I'll vote no.

Currie - I make a motion to appoint Carman. Saez supports.
Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned. 7:49 pm.

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need to set the record straight, I believe you need to keep your board on board, and I think a lot of this would go away. But you are the problem, and you can be the solution.

Stanek - I'm sorry. I have shared everything after being made public.

Resident - I'm sorry I'm ignorant but what does FSU have to do with this?

Bean - They have an opportunity to add degree programs/training. Financial and growth incentives.

Resident - So most jobs will be filled from Ferris? Is there anything else they have to offer FSU other than that?

Stanek - Ferris has always been a tech school and that will help. Main reason Gotion picked BR.

Resident - Gotion said they had 30 other places to come and decided here, did anyone look into that?

Bean - We don't know that, company will make decision based off of analysis that they do

Resident - Scary thing to think that we're the place because we're the only location that didn't turn them down.

Stanek - No, lots of places would like them. We should be asking why wouldn't they come here

Resident - Because of materials they're bringing in. These aren't everyday materials. These are toxic materials.

Currie - And then there's materials that are nasty to mine and the way they're being mined is horrendous. We need to acknowledge that as a community. You can put your blinders on to the way it's being mined or acknowledge it's a nasty thing. If you want to move forward because of its economic growth for us then so be it, but at least do your research. At least be aware that you are affecting someone else's life.

Schrivier - At the last meeting there was a motion made about doing a survey - haven't seen that; only online survey. No one with any level of experience ever puts any credibility into online surveys. Disappointed to see that. Need something mailed which I believe was discussed.

Saez - The total came to around \$2,000 to do so and when I asked Bill he said he couldn't see approving that amount.

Bean - We voted as a board to do this as a mail in and you unilaterally decided not to. It was motioned 7-0.

Routley - More so I specifically asked if there was a dollar amount that we needed to approve.

Bean - We need to resurrect and get it out there. That's what we voted on.

Stanek - Property owners or residents?

Bean - Whatever we have on file.

Geib - We voted as a board; I'm not an attorney but supervisors don't have the right to veto. That's what we need to do.

Mary Bechaz - I've had 76 apartment rental inquiries within 4 days for my listing. We are going to need housing.

Bean - A step in process needs to be completed called development agreement

Paul - With regard to county bldg dept - not at all concerned. Might need to add an inspector, but any additional cost we pass onto building permit. Bldg dept is self sustaining

Schrivier - Watched the city go through this with marijuana. My personal opinion - vote driven by people who wanted legal weed. Focus was money. Look what we ended up with. 17 shops, 5

Item "C"

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
1:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Stanek, Saez, Currie, Everett, Geib, Routley present. Bean, absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Mark Nettleton (Township Attorney- Mika Meyers) - Previously provided draft of term sheet early dec - draft was provided to green as well. Mark shared with Randy Thelen at the right place - received comments back from Jim Chapman and Randy. Nothing has been updated on the term sheet since then.

Saez - Can you share their comments - summarize as best can recall?

Nettleton - Intent would be that we would have a term sheet to come to an agreement with the parties. Comments about adding in clawback provisions if Gotion failed to meet some job requirements/investment requirements. Concept on tax appeals on evaluation of the property - want to consider that. Randy - whether or not the right place would be separate from the term sheet/directly to Gotion/the right place.

Discussion regarding EDA requirements? Convey industrial park property - grant for infrastructure. In order to sell we must have appraisal done - purpose of conveyance.

At the last meeting BRT board was made aware of a backup resolution. Confirmation from Paul Bullock let us know that there was a back up resolution at Renaissance zone Meeting - Additional question of going into Green Twp if BR voted no; Nettleton aware of them having that option. Has an understanding that the state incentive funds are going to flow through the right place although hasn't seen documents yet.

Routley - Intending to use money from the state to purchase land - must use the right place to purchase the land?

Geibs - Pros/cons to the right place in that situation - expanding on Nick's question going through the right place to them- pro or con?

Nettleton - Contractual obligation with the developer that it's developed with what the township wants/needs. It seems to me that it's easier and a more linear way of thinking if it's one document with all the necessary parties.

Everett - concerned that the right place does something that the township doesn't agree with. I hope you don't mind the reference here - wouldn't this be like hiring an attorney and not having a say in what they finally choose - appears as though the right place is more of an agent for Gotion.

Mark - They (The Right Place) view themselves as an economic agent for the township, county and state.

Mark to get information from everyone regarding questions asked and a bullet point list formulated.

Geib - Get engineer involved - See if the city has capacity or doesn't.

Routley - Them stating EPA will handle that "doesn't mean anything" process about how they go about it - sewer feasibility study?

Currie -NMP- oxidizer will catch some of the waste of the chemical and the rest will be oxidized into the air with a high level of ability to catch it around 98% and remainder will have to be contained in barrels and trucked to a recycling center.

Bil - Entertain motion to move forward with term sheet modifications

Nettleton - clarity - comments from today's meetings and incorporate input from Randy/Jim in addition to minutes from closed session / regenerate revised draft within a week.

Currie - Motion to incorporate what we've already discussed in a printable form with updates per our closed session and noting differences. Saez supports. Motion passed unanimously.

One thing noted was that if we can formulate development agreement in some likeness with Green, it would be easier for all to have consistency - if you could note likeness between and see what we are in line with.

Mark - My concept is one agreement - Green doesn't have EDA grant on their property

Saez - In purpose of transparency - would you tell us if there is a plan to go into Green entirely?

Nettleton -Depends how I come about the information

Routley - Determine lists and get questions to correct places

Geib - Motion to get progressive involved in Gotion project and provide them with a list of questions/concerns for them to start working on and to provide answers/direction. Saez supports. Motion passed unanimously.

Routley - Motion to ask all of the appraisers for a rough quote/timeline on appraisal. Currie supports. Motion passed unanimously.

Routley - New draft - clean /red lined version my question is do we set a meeting -
Thursday February 2nd 1pm follow up meeting

Public comment - Patti Downey - brief thing - atty talking about 1 or 2 agreements questioning what he could share as a comparison and I know that this project is way different than a divorce but you don't hear husbands and wives say we use the same attorney.

Currie - Motion to go into closed session Everett supports, Motion passed 6-1. Stanek no.

Saez - Motion to exit closed session, Currie supports. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:49pm.

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**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
1:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

Item "D"

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 1:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Saez, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib, Routley present. Stanek absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mike Oezer – Twp Engineer

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss updates to the term sheet, and discussion regarding Gotion with the Township attorney.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Term Sheet/development agreement**

Mike Oezer/ Mark Nettleton August 23rd email/list regarding boards discussion on potential issues needing addressed in sale of Industrial Park.

Discussion with compliance/clawbacks/ annual inspections. Water usage at max capacity and use of fire hydrant for filling tankers discussed. Differences on parcels in term sheets.

Mike to reach out to Gotion engineer. Written review from Mike and in person. Determining whether township wants to be in the water business or not.

Discussion on sewer meters/usage/installation. Initial cost and ongoing maintenance. Who's responsible for public improvements.

Traffic analysis. Reverter/Refusal agreement discussion.

Public Comment: Patti Downey – Asked about performance bonds, mile radius mentioning workforce study claiming people will come from 50 mile radius – do residents know this? People thinking it will be locally created jobs. Average wage of company is \$60,000 – what is that average based off of? Need actual job numbers/wages, not average. Oct. 5th 2022, Gotion purchasing 100% renewable energy – wind or solar farm?

Jim Peak – came to attend, lots of rumors and wanted to see what actually happens; board thanked him.

Motion by Everett, supported by Currie, to meet in a closed session pursuant to section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under section 13(1)(g) of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Bean, supported by Everett, to return to open session at 3:26pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Currie motioned to cease work on the term sheet until questions are answered. Bean supports. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Currie for the attorney to draft a Resolution for board discussion. Supported by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Currie to Develop a list of questions and information for Gotion, from Gotion, from our Attorney in development with Mike Oezer and request a response by 2/24/23. Everett Supports. Motion passed 5-1. Bean, no.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:11pm

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User: PENNY Bank GEN (GENERAL TOWNSHIP CHECKING) FROM 11/01/2022 TO 11/30/2022 DB: Big Rapids Town Reconciliation Record ID: 142

Payroll Checks

Check Date	Check Number	Name	Amount
11/01/2022	13270	HILLMAN, CAROL	165.00
11/01/2022	13271	IAFRATE, DEBRA	206.25
11/01/2022	13272	JONES, JERRAD	312.77
11/01/2022	13273	KLEINHEKSEL, TIMOTHY	2,956.97
11/01/2022	13274	KONZIOOLKA, CHERYL	846.96
11/01/2022	13275	LENAHAN, SUE	183.75
11/01/2022	13276	LENTINE, JOSEPH	796.48
11/01/2022	13277	LESIEWICZ, STEVEN	896.21
11/01/2022	13278	MAREK, DENA	213.75
11/01/2022	13279	MCARTHUR, IAN	220.39
11/01/2022	13280	MOSS, MARK	649.74
11/01/2022	13281	OLIVER, GORDON	44.05
11/01/2022	13282	OOSTERHOUSE, JEFFREY	44.05
11/01/2022	13283	PARKER, THOMAS	423.52
11/01/2022	13284	PEREZ, ADAM	46.16
11/01/2022	13285	ROUTLEY, NICHOLAS	128.48
11/01/2022	13286	SAEZ, HANNAH	2,144.65
11/01/2022	13287	STANEK, WILLIAM	926.51
11/01/2022	13288	SWEPPENHEISER, MARK	46.17
11/01/2022	13289	TUBBS, JAMES	951.57
11/01/2022	13290	VELDMAN, MARC	3,266.38
11/01/2022	13291	VODRY, RACHEL	260.50
11/01/2022	13292	WETHINGTON, AMANDA	44.05
11/01/2022	13293	WYMA, NICHOLAS	705.32
Total - 96 Outstanding Checks:			32,064.50
Adjusted Bank Balance			1,962,798.91
Unreconciled Difference:			0.00

REVIEWED BY: *Annah Fry* 1/27/23 DATE: *1/23/23*

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Item "E"

BANK RECONCILIATION FOR BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP

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101-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	387,719.26
101-000-001.001	Cash Non-Expendable	
203-000-001.000	CASH	154,181.19
204-000-001.000	CASH	83,979.68
206-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	166,702.39
212-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
246-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	153,518.01
249-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	2,961.01
271-000-001.000	CASH	434,734.43
285-000-001.000	CASH	31,056.70
401-000-001.000	CASH	570,622.06
590-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	(13,046.84)
591-000-001.000	CASH	
593-000-001.000	CASH	42,585.62
701-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
708-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.100	HVC Cash Expendable	19,935.88
850-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	(1,185.67)
Beginning GL Balance:		
Add: Cash Receipts		2,033,763.72
Less: Cash Disbursements		212,901.22
Less: Payroll Disbursements		(154,452.65)
Less: Journal Entries/Other		(45,520.78)
Ending GL Balance:		(83,892.60)
		<u>1,962,798.91</u>
GL Number	Description	Ending Balance
101-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	377,041.37
101-000-001.001	Cash Non-Expendable	
203-000-001.000	CASH	154,181.19
204-000-001.000	CASH	83,979.68
206-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	147,163.74
212-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	137.50
246-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	146,181.65
249-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	2,961.01
271-000-001.000	CASH	434,734.43
285-000-001.000	CASH	31,056.70
401-000-001.000	CASH	525,035.27
590-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	(14,916.88)
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593-000-001.000	CASH	42,033.58
701-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
708-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.100	HVC Cash Expendable	19,935.88
850-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	13,273.79

01/23/2023 02:08 PM BANK RECONCILIATION FOR BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
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 Ending Bank Balance: 1,990,685.01
 Add: Miscellaneous Transactions (37,018.08)
 Add: Deposits in Transit 1,393.00
 11/28/2022 Deposit ID: 430
 ADJUST GENERAL LEDGER ERROR 0.10
 CD DEPOSIT (207,642.42)
 TBILL WITHDRAWAL 244,660.50
 *Duplicate John Hancock EFT 2,748.80
 * GL Error 36.50
 41,196.48

Less: Outstanding Checks

Check Date	Check Number	Name	AP Checks	Amount
11/03/2021	32984	STATE STREET HARDWARE		49.99
01/17/2022	33102	MENARDS		39.39
07/12/2022	33343	DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NO. 10		20.00
10/04/2022	33456	ACCIDENT FUND COMPANY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33457	APPARATUS CENTRAL REPAIR	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33458	BIG RAPIDS TWP SEWER REC. FUND	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33459	BOUMAN WELL SERVICE	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33460	BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP GEN. FUND	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33461	CONSUMERS ENERGY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33462	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33463	KEVIN CUSHWAY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33464	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33465	MECOSTA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33466	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33467	MARK MOSS	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33468	PRIORITY HEALTH	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33469	HANNAH SAEZ	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33470	STATE STREET HARDWARE	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33471	BILL STANEK	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33472	MARC VELDMAN	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33473	ERIC D. WILLIAMS	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
10/04/2022	33474	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
11/04/2022	33535	STEPHENS PIPE AND STEEL	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
11/14/2022	33549	MENARDS	VOIDED 11/06/2022	584.78
11/14/2022	33553	PRINTING SYSTEMS, INC.		302.69
11/14/2022	33557	SVEN'S TREE REMOVAL		6,000.00
11/15/2022	9930350	SMALL BUSINESS ADMIN SERVICES LLC		52.50
		Payroll Checks		
Check Date	Check Number	Name	Amount	
03/01/2018	11067	MYERS, AARON	43.41	
05/01/2019	11632	BRYANT, ELIZABETH	6.02	

User: PENNY

Bank GEN (GENERAL TOWNSHIP CHECKING)

DB: Big Rapids Town

FROM 11/01/2022 TO 11/30/2022

Reconciliation Record ID: 142

Payroll Checks

Check Date	Check Number	Name	Amount
11/01/2019	11836	AMBLER, ALLEN	36.68
03/01/2020	12012	HAWLEY, CRYSTAL	10.90
06/01/2020	12130	HAWLEY, CRYSTAL	15.69
10/01/2020	12289	SCHROEDER, BRODY	16.53
12/01/2020	12370	FITZGERALD, LINDSAY	68.75
07/01/2021	12643	JORDAN, CHASTITY	17.79
09/01/2021	12713	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	2.65
09/01/2021	12716	SPRIK, HANNAH	2.64
12/31/2021	12831	BEAN, SUSAN	26.42
12/31/2021	12851	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	18.64
05/01/2022	13010	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	29.87
05/01/2022	13018	SWEPPENHEISER, MARK	46.18
06/01/2022	13051	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	59.07
07/01/2022	13067	BAAS, MARISSA	23.18
07/01/2022	13087	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	23.18
08/01/2022	13105	BUYS, EMILY	187.84
08/01/2022	13121	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	40.73
10/01/2022	13199	METZ, APRIL	44.60
10/01/2022	13248	TECENO, CHRISTOPHER	128.48
11/01/2022	13218	BUYS, EMILY	89.61
11/01/2022	13232	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	59.74
11/01/2022	13238	PEREZ, ADAM	118.10
11/01/2022	13249	ALBER, VICKI	210.00
11/01/2022	13250	AMBLER, ALLEN	152.26
11/01/2022	13251	ANTOR, GERALD	676.92
11/01/2022	13252	BALLARD, MIA	499.29
11/01/2022	13253	BEAN, SUSAN	206.25
11/01/2022	13254	BECHAZ, MARY	169.16
11/01/2022	13255	BELKA, SCOT	295.45
11/01/2022	13256	BERENS, DYLAN	784.40
11/01/2022	13257	BOOHER, GAVIN	532.11
11/01/2022	13258	BUYS, EMILY	224.04
11/01/2022	13259	CALIFF, MICHAEL	800.42
11/01/2022	13260	CHAPMAN, JAMES	497.45
11/01/2022	13261	COOK, ZACHARY	46.18
11/01/2022	13262	COOLEY, ANDREA	236.25
11/01/2022	13263	CURRIE, PENNY	765.42
11/01/2022	13264	DAVIS, MARY	46.18
11/01/2022	13265	DEFEVER, DELPHINE	187.50
11/01/2022	13266	DOUGLASS, PERRY IV	671.30
11/01/2022	13267	EVERETT, JERALD	128.47
11/01/2022	13268	FOUNTAIN, RENE	161.25
11/01/2022	13269	GEIB, ANTHONY	128.47

Check Date	Check Number	Name	Amount
11/01/2022	13294	PEREZ, ADAM	46.16
12/31/2022	13295	AMBLER, ALLEN	260.86
12/31/2022	13296	ANTOR, GERALD	672.12
12/31/2022	13297	BALLARD, MIA	170.44
12/31/2022	13298	BANDSTRA, ALICE	26.43
12/31/2022	13299	BEAN, SUSAN	13.21
12/31/2022	13300	BECHAZ, MARY	267.82
12/31/2022	13301	BELKA, SCOT	224.05
12/31/2022	13302	BERENS, DYLAN	1,115.97
12/31/2022	13303	BOYS, EMILY	54.20
12/31/2022	13304	CALIFF, MICHAEL	750.39
12/31/2022	13305	CHAPMAN, JAMES	390.25
12/31/2022	13306	CURRIE, PENNY	765.41
12/31/2022	13307	DOUGLASS, PERRY IV	666.61
12/31/2022	13308	EVERETT, JERALD	128.46
12/31/2022	13309	GEIB, ANTHONY	128.48
12/31/2022	13310	JACOBS, PHYLLIS	13.85
12/31/2022	13311	JONES, JERRAD	452.94
12/31/2022	13312	KIRWIN, DAVID	2,477.48
12/31/2022	13314	KONZDIOLKA, CHERYL	362.00
12/31/2022	13315	LENTINE, JOSEPH	671.47
12/31/2022	13316	MCARTHUR, IAN	107.19
12/31/2022	13317	MOSS, MARK	631.68
12/31/2022	13318	PARKER, THOMAS	702.27
12/31/2022	13319	PEREZ, ADAM	71.46
12/31/2022	13320	ROUTLEY, NICHOLAS	128.47
12/31/2022	13321	SAEZ, HANNAH	2,144.64
12/31/2022	13322	STANEK, WILLIAM	926.51
12/31/2022	13323	TUBBS, JAMES	957.04
12/31/2022	13324	VELDMAN, MARC	2,962.74
12/31/2022	13325	VIDETICH, GREGORY	29.56
12/31/2022	13326	WYMA, NICHOLAS	635.95

Total - 104 Outstanding Checks: 47,366.45
 Adjusted Bank Balance 2,051,346.09
 Unreconciled Difference: 0.00

REVIEWED BY: *Penny June* 12/27/23 DATE: 12/31/23

Item "F"

GL Number	Description	Beginning Balance
101-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	377,041.37
101-000-001.001	Cash Non-Expendable	154,181.19
203-000-001.000	CASH	83,979.68
204-000-001.000	CASH	147,163.74
206-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	137.50
212-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	146,181.65
246-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	2,961.01
249-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	434,734.43
271-000-001.000	CASH	31,056.70
285-000-001.000	CASH	525,035.27
401-000-001.000	CASH	(14,916.88)
590-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	42,033.58
591-000-001.000	CASH	19,935.88
593-000-001.000	CASH	13,273.79
701-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
708-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.100	HVC Cash Expendable	
850-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
Beginning GL Balance:		
Add: Cash Receipts		
Less: Cash Disbursements		
Less: Payroll Disbursements		
Ending GL Balance:		
		1,962,798.91
		231,651.63
		(118,773.16)
		(24,331.29)
		2,051,346.09

GL Number	Description	Ending Balance
101-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	413,280.37
101-000-001.001	Cash Non-Expendable	154,181.19
203-000-001.000	CASH	121,819.33
204-000-001.000	CASH	149,572.42
206-000-001.000	Cash - Checking	137.50
212-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	144,849.15
246-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	8,012.95
249-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	434,734.43
271-000-001.000	CASH	31,056.70
285-000-001.000	CASH	536,594.24
401-000-001.000	CASH	(17,605.66)
590-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	42,033.58
591-000-001.000	CASH	19,935.88
593-000-001.000	CASH	12,744.01
701-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	
708-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.000	CASH	
711-000-001.100	HVC Cash Expendable	
850-000-001.000	Cash - Savings	

BANK RECONCILIATION FOR BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
 Bank GEN (GENERAL TOWNSHIP CHECKING)
 FROM 12/01/2022 TO 12/31/2022
 Reconciliation Record ID: 143

Ending GL Balance: 2,051,346.09
 Ending Bank Balance: 2,095,548.76
 Add: Deposits in Transit

01/26/2023 *Deposit ID: 435 22,225.34
 01/10/2023 *Deposit ID: 437 884.76
 ADJUST GENERAL LEDGER ERROR 0.10
 *Duplicate John Hancock 2,748.80
 * Is deposited in the bank December 22 (22,225.34)
 *GL Error 36.50
 *Is in deposit of the bank Dec 2022 Interest earned (506.38)
 3,163.78

Less: Outstanding Checks

Check Date	Check Number	Name	AP Checks	Amount
11/03/2021	32984	STATE STREET HARDWARE		49.99
11/17/2022	33102	MENARDS		39.39
17/12/2022	33343	DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT NO. 10		20.00
0/04/2022	33456	ACCIDENT FUND COMPANY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33457	APPARATUS CENTRAL REPAIR	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33458	BIG RAPIDS TWP SEWER REC. FUND	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33459	BOUMAN WELL SERVICE	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33460	BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP GEN. FUND	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33461	CONSUMERS ENERGY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33462	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33463	KEVIN CUSHWAY	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33464	MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33465	MECOSTA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33466	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33467	MARK MOSS	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33468	PRIORITY HEALTH	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
0/04/2022	33469	HANNAH SAEZ	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
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0/04/2022	33474	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	VOIDED 10/04/2022	0.00
1/04/2022	33535	STEPHENS PIPE AND STEEL	VOIDED 11/06/2022	0.00
1/14/2022	33549	MENARDS		584.78
2/06/2022	33564	VOID		0.00
2/06/2022	33565	PENNY CURRIE	VOIDED 12/01/2022	30.00
2/15/2022	9930359	SMALL BUSINESS ADMIN SERVICES LLC		52.50
2/19/2022	33593	FERRIS PRINTING SERVICES		115.00
2/19/2022	33597	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION		351.97
2/30/2022	9930364	HANNAH SAEZ		125.00
2/30/2022	9930365	BILL STANEK		125.00

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12/31/2022	33606	ACCIDENT FUND COMPANY	1,383.50
12/31/2022	33607	CITY OF BIG RAPIDS	53.47
12/31/2022	33608	CONSUMERS ENERGY	812.55
12/31/2022	33609	ESO SOLUTIONS	2,975.74
12/31/2022	33610	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	1,695.36
12/31/2022	33611	MECOSTA COUNTY CLERK	800.00
12/31/2022	33612	KEVIN CUSHWAY	521.00
12/31/2022	33613	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	146.71
12/31/2022	33614	MARK MOSS	71.25
12/31/2022	33615	PRIORITY HEALTH	2,862.75
12/31/2022	33616	HANNAH SAEZ	90.00
12/31/2022	33617	BILL STANEK	90.00
12/31/2022	33618	STRATZ HEATING & COOLING, INC	13,340.00
12/31/2022	33619	MARC VELDMAN	90.00
12/31/2022	33620	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	457.66

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11/01/2022	13232	MARSHALL, GRAYSON	59.74
11/01/2022	13238	PEREZ, ADAM	118.10
11/01/2022	13253	BEAN, SUSAN	206.25
11/01/2022	13275	LENAHAN, SUE	183.75

Monthly Permit List

02/01/2023

Building

Item "G"

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
PB22-0055	BYERS PAULA L	23599 17 MILE RD	\$402.00	\$48,623
Work Description: KITCHEN AND BATH REMODEL				

Total Permits For Type: 1
Total Fees For Type: \$402.00
Total Const. Value For Type: \$48,623

Electrical

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
PE23-0001	DALIA-THERIAQUE MARGARE	17750 195TH AVE	\$85.00	\$0
Work Description: MOBILE HOME - SERVICE, 1 INSPECTION				
PE23-0002	SPENCER MARVIN	19191 FOX GLOVE CIRCLE	\$264.00	\$0
Work Description: NEW CONSTRUCTION: SERVICE, 12 CIRCUITS, LIGHTING FIXTURES, DISHWASHER, GARBAGE DISPOSAL, FURNACE, 3 MOTORS, 3 INSPECTIONS				

Total Permits For Type: 2
Total Fees For Type: \$349.00
Total Const. Value For Type: \$0

Mechanical

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
PM23-0001	MECOSTA-OSCEOLA INTERME	14644 TOMAHAWK LANE	\$240.00	\$0
Work Description: NEW CONSTRUCTION - HEATING SYSTEM, WATER HEATER, GAS PIPING, AIR CONDITIONING, 2 INSPECTIONS				
PM23-0002	MITCHELL, ROGER E. II	12765 190TH AVE	\$105.00	\$0
Work Description: GAS FURNACE, 1 INSPECTION				
PM23-0003	SPENCER MARVIN	19191 FOX GLOVE CIRCLE	\$155.00	\$0
Work Description: HEATING SYSTEM, AIR CONDITIONING, 1 INSPECTION				
PM23-0004	BYERS PAULA L	23599 17 MILE RD	\$100.00	\$0
Work Description: DUCTWORK, 1 INSPECTION				
PM23-0005	DOYLE, NANCY J. TRUST	12226 NORTHLAND DR	\$210.00	\$0
Work Description: RESIDENTIAL HEATING SYSTEM, AIR CONDITIONING, 3 EXHAUST, 2 INSPECTIONS				
PM23-0006	FONNER, DOUGLAS B. ET UX	14161 230TH AVE	\$80.00	\$0
Work Description: WATER HEATER, 1 INSPECTION				

Total Permits For Type: 6

Total Fees For Type: \$890.00
Total Const. Value For Type: \$0

Plumbing

Permit #	Contractor	Job Address	Fee Total	Const. Value
PP23-0001	BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNS	14212 NORTHLAND DR	\$138.00	\$0
Work Description: FRONT BUILDING - 3 FIXTURES, STACK, WATER DISTRIBUTION, 2 INSPECTIONS				
PP23-0002	DOYLE, NANCY J. TRUST	12226 NORTHLAND DR	\$183.00	\$0
Work Description: 11 FIXTURES, STACK, SEWER, WATER DISTRIBUTION, 2 INSPECTIONS				
PP23-0003	BYERS PAULA L	23599 17 MILE RD	\$191.00	\$0
Work Description: 13 FIXTURES, 2 STACKS, WATER DISTRIBUTION, 2 INSPECTIONS				
PP23-0004	SHEPHERD CHRISTOPHER M	14925 OLD MILLPOND RD	\$85.00	\$0
Work Description: SUMP PUMP, SUB SOIL DRAIN, 1 INSPECTION				

Total Permits For Type: 4
Total Fees For Type: \$597.00
Total Const. Value For Type: \$0

Report Summary

Population: All Records
Permit.DateIssued Between
1/1/2023 12:00:00 AM AND
1/31/2023 11:59:59 PM

Grand Total Fees: \$2,238.00
Grand Total Permits: 13
Grand Total Const. Value: \$48,623

Big Rapids Charter Township

Item "H"

Cemetery and Grounds Monthly Report *Jan. 2023*

Activity:

- 1- Grounds at cemetery. Plowing/salting
- 2- Grounds at parks/township/FD. Plowing/ salting
- 3- Full Burials =0. Cremains. =0.
- 4- Foundation completed =0.

Month summary:

With lack of snow worked at cemetery on grounds and equipment until 1-9. Moved to township hall on 1-9-23. Working on scanning docs for David. Plow and shovel and salt when needed.

Marc Veldman
Grounds Manager

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT
FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Item "I"

General:

The department continues to run well. We had an above average call volume for the month of January. Our cumulative annual report is attached to this report. We are hosting a benefit dinner for Perry and Karmen Douglass on February 9th. This effort was spearheaded by several of their friends and they approached us for a place to hold the event. We are also working with the group to have a larger event at Crossroads Charter Academy next month.

Call Volume:

Total calls for the month of January 2023: 46

34 Medical, 3 Structure Fire, 0 Grass Fire/Controlled Burn, 7 Auto Accident, 1 Power Line Down, 0 Vehicle Fire, 0 Smoke/Odor, 0 Dumpster Fire, 0 Cover/Service/Standby, 0 Collapse, 0 Gas Leak, 0 Inspection, 0 Airport Emergency, 1 Fire Alarm, 0 Water Rescues, 0 Fire Investigation, 0 Haz-Mat, 0 Elevator/Technical Rescue and 0 Drone Activations.

Year to Date Call volume 2023: 46

Year to Date Response Times:

Turnout Time (dispatch to truck en-route): 7 minutes and 36 seconds.

Response Time (dispatch to on scene): 11 minutes and 51 seconds.

Year to Date Call Locations:

BR TWP	44
Barton TWP	
Big Prairie TWP	
City of Big Rapids	2
Colfax TWP	
Green TWP	
Osceola County	
Mecosta TWP	
Morley	
Norwich TWP	

Personnel:

We are currently at a roster of 17.

Our command staff are Chief Tubbs, Deputy Chief Douglass, Captain Jim Chapman, Lieutenant Nick Wyma and Lieutenant Adam Perez.

Training:

Training this month consisted of Truck Checks, Health and Safety, Station Maintenance 3.22.

Repairs Completed:

None to report.

Station Maintenance:

None to report.

Budget/Purchasing over \$2,500.00:

We were awarded the DNR grant again this year. We submitted for a total of \$2050.00 for a hose reel, hose, fire rakes and foam eductor. We are required to purchase the items at full price and receive reimbursement from the DNR for 50% of the cost.



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Item "J"

January 30, 2023

Mr. Bill Stanek
Big Rapids Township
14212 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

RE: Monthly Lift Station Report

Dear Bill:

January was not without its challenges for the Lift Stations. Venlo Station had a Bearing failure on Pump #2, pump was pulled and sent in for evaluation, we will keep you posted on that. We still have Pump #1 offline at Perry Street Station as we are waiting on the new Pump. We can use Pump #1 in an emergency if needed. We replaced locks on (3) Wet Well Hatches that would no longer function and we need to look into a shorter shank on locks as the current ones are just a bit to long. General conditions and overall performance are satisfactory at this time.

Sincerely,

Mark Ducat
Northwest Kent Mechanical Co.



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BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP SEWAGE LIFT STATION REPORT

Date: 1/27/2023

Completion by Service Technician: MARK DUCAT

MONTHLY SERVICE REPORT

#1 SHERIDAN STREET LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	Good		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 965.2	AMPS: L1: 5.0	L2: 5.1 L3: 4.5
Pump 2:	HOURS: 966.7	AMPS: L1: 5.0	L2: 5.2 L3: 4.5
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	35		
Pump 2 PSIG:	30		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations			

#2 05-978 VENLO LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	Good		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 1891.2	AMPS: L1: 0	L2: 0 L3: 0
Pump 2:	HOURS: 1623.1	AMPS: L1: 3.7	L2: 4.0 L3: 3.7
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	---		
Pump 2 PSIG:	---		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations	#1 Pump is off line and in for repairs		

#3 01-694 PERRY STREET LIFT STATION	
Station Generally:	GOOD
Pump 1:	HOURS: 9606.69 AMPS: L1: 0 L2: 0 L3: 0
Pump 2:	HOURS: 10951.80 AMPS: L1: 36.2 L2: 35.4 L3: 38.1
Pump Operations	✓
Pump 1 PSIG:	0
Pump 2 PSIG:	400 GPM
Electrical:	✓
Controls:	✓
Wet Well:	✓
Notes & Recommendations	#1 Pump off line / Replaced wet well lock

#4 96-284 BIG RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL LIFT STATION	
Station Generally:	GOOD
Pump 1:	HOURS: 1911.04 AMPS: L1: 7.3 L2: 8.7 L3: 9.5
Pump 2:	HOURS: 2133.25 AMPS: L1: 7.4 L2: 8.1 L3: 9.1
Pump Operations	✓
Pump 1 PSIG:	40
Pump 2 PSIG:	45
Electrical:	✓
Controls:	✓
Wet Well:	✓
Notes & Recommendations	

#8 05-1004 HILLS AT MITCHELL CREEK LIFT STATION	
Station Generally:	Good
Pump 1:	HOURS: 319.80 AMPS: L1: 7.4 L2: 7.3 L3: 7.4
Pump 2:	HOURS: 526.86 AMPS: L1: 5.0 L2: 5.2 L3: 5.5
Pump Operations	✓
Pump 1 PSIG:	0
Pump 2 PSIG:	0
Electrical:	✓
Controls:	✓
Wet Well:	✓
Notes & Recommendations	

#9 05-983 BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP INDUSTRIAL PARK (NORTHLAND DRIVE)

Station Generally:	GOOD		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 384.94	AMPS: L1: 19.5	L2: 20.6 L3: 19.8
Pump 2:	HOURS: 391.88	AMPS: L1: 19.8	L2: 21.2 L3: 22.5
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	75		
Pump 2 PSIG:	75		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations			

#10 06-1552 UNIVERSITY PARK SUITS LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	GOOD		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 2024.	AMPS: L1: 20.6	L2: 20.9 L3: 22.0
Pump 2:	HOURS: 2279.	AMPS: L1: 18.8	L2: 18.6 L3: 19.7
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	55		
Pump 2 PSIG:	55		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations			

#11 06-1215 MENARDS LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	GOOD		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 1824.12	AMPS: L1: 5.6	L2: 5.5 L3: 5.7
Pump 2:	HOURS: 1055.68	AMPS: L1: 10.5	L2: 10.3 L3: 10.2
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	25		
Pump 2 PSIG:	25		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations	Replace Parlock on wet well Hatch Door		

#12 10-1374 GILBERT DRIVE LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	Good		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 6418	AMPS: L1: 32.6	L2: 24.9 L3: 35.4
Pump 2:	HOURS: 5843	AMPS: L1: 31.4	L2: 34.1 L3: 34.4
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	394 GPM		
Pump 2 PSIG:	404 GPM		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations	#1 pump Noisy		

#13 NORTH STATE LIFT STATION

Station Generally:	Good		
Pump 1:	HOURS: 355.6	AMPS: L1: 9.8	L2: 11.2 L3: 9.3
Pump 2:	HOURS: 359.6	AMPS: L1: 9.5	L2: 10.6 L3: 9.0
Pump Operations	✓		
Pump 1 PSIG:	26		
Pump 2 PSIG:	28		
Electrical:	✓		
Controls:	✓		
Wet Well:	✓		
Notes & Recommendations			

Big Rapids Township Industrial Park Water Plant Monthly Report

January 2023\

Item "K"

All operations are normal at the plant, Sensaphone working good. Well number 2 providing ample water for the distribution system. Maintaining a chloring residual of about 0.4 to 0.5 mg/L (parts per million), and plant flow total for 2022 is 137,000 gallons. The Quarterly well bacteriological sample that was dropped off December 26th at City of Big Rapids Laboratory came back good. All sampling for the year 2022 that was required by District 10 Type 2 water systems office was completed. We can expect to see a new sample schedule from District 10 for the year 2023 soon. All other electronics , high service and booster pumps, gauges, electronics are working good. VFD on well pump number one has been erratic so were not using it.

Item "L"

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING**

January 10, 2023

Held at Big Rapids Township fire hall

Minutes

The organization meeting for the Big Rapids Charter Township Construction board of appeals was called to order by supervisor Stanek at 7:40 pm.

Member present were Mark Maciver and Chat Root

Also present was Supervisor Stanek and Bob Szykowski

Mr. Stanek stated that the only business to come before the commission tonight was the election of officers. Chat Root was unanimously elected chair with Mark Maciver as vice chair.

Bob Szykowski said he would be willing to serve on this committee if the board wanted to appoint him.

Mr. Root adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

Bill Stanek, recording secretary.

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
ZBA MEETING**

Item "M"

January 10, 2023

Held at Big Rapids Township fire hall
Minutes

The organization meeting for the Big Rapids Charter Township ZBA was called to order by supervisor Stanek at 7:40 pm.

Member present were Mark Maciver, Bob Szykowski and Amanda Wethington (also in the planning commission meeting)

Also present was Supervisor Stanek

Absent was John Zimmerman

Mr. Stanek stated that the only business to come before the commission tonight was the election of officers. Bob Szykowski was unanimously elected chair with Mark Maciver as vice chair.

Mr. Szykowski adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

Bill Stanek, recording secretary.

XI. PLANNING COMMISSION CALLED BACK TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chairperson Amanda Wethington called the Big Rapids Charter Township Planning Commission back to order at the township fire hall on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:40 p.m.

XII. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Mrs. Wethington asked if any of the Commission members had known conflicts of interest with any of the items on the agenda for this meeting. No one indicated that a conflict of interest existed.

XIII. MINUTES:

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission members to review the minutes of the November 8, 2022 meeting. Mr. Sweppenheiser made a motion to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes as submitted. Mr. Oliver supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes.

XIV. ELECTION OF OFFICES:

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission members to elect the 2023 Planning Commission offices. Mr. Cook made a motion to re-elect Mrs. Wethington as Chairperson stating that she has done an excellent job in this position in the past. Mr. Sweppenheiser supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes. Mr. Oliver made a motion to re-elect Mr. Sweppenheiser as Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Cook supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes. Mrs. Wethington made a motion to re-elect Mrs. Davis as Secretary. Mr. Sweppenheiser supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes.

XV. ACTION ON 2022 PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission members to review the 2022 Planning Commission Report. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the 2022 Planning Commission Report as submitted. Mrs. Wethington supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes.

XVI. SET MEETING DATES FOR 2023:

Mrs. Wethington asked the Commission to review the meeting date schedule for 2023. Mr. Sweppenheiser made a motion to accept the Planning Commission meeting schedule for 2023. Mr. Oliver supported the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously with five ayes.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no further business for the Planning Commission, Mrs. Wethington adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
INDUSTRIAL PARK AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING**

Item "O"

January 19, 2023 5:30pm

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP OFFICES, 14212 NORTHLAND DR.

BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307

5:00 PM

UNAPPROVED

Introduction; zoom call with Experts in Fire safety field/ general concerns.

Seth Wenger to reach out to Holland Fire Department regarding battery facility there. Information from Seth as follows:

"I spoke with Bret Groendyke from Holland Fire this afternoon. He was extremely knowledgeable regarding technical details and is willing to answer any questions we have.

He mentioned other municipalities have reached out to Holland Fire regarding large industrial builds such as Delphi Township and others.

While he was willing to provide a tour of their fire operations relative to LG CHEM, I would say this opportunity should be reserved for someone with actual Fire Department experience.

I asked what additional resources were needed to accommodate a large lithium-ion battery assembly plant.

- He said the additional response resources were minimal relative to the infrastructure improvements such as water, roads, and power.
- The three areas of practical investment regarding fire and safety were **training, air monitoring, and extinguishing agents**. He stated the key with any fire is the knowledge of what materials you are dealing with and the application of the appropriate tools to suppress the fire.
- He said the most important governance consideration would be an up-to-date fire code. Holland is currently **IFC 2012** which is sufficient. A newer **IFC 2021** fire code is now available but has not yet been adopted. The IFC 2021 fire code has been tailored to include ESS (Energy Storage Systems) which are becoming more common as EV adoption increases.

I asked about thermal runaway with EV auto fires.

- He said the thermal runaway risk is relative to the stage of manufacturing, the proximity of stored units, and the overall value of the asset. An EV on the highway represents the final stage of the energy storage system, the most compact and concealed storage, and the lowest value (\$50K) of an asset relative to a production plant (\$3Bn) which also conversely presents a lesser stage of ESS and more accessible storage.
- Due to the value of a \$3-4Bn production facility, internal plant suppression systems are required to be in place such as multiple ESFR (Early Suppression, Fast Response). ESFR provides a lot of water in a short amount of time to avoid thermal runaway.

I asked about community concern regarding safety.

- He said any industrial application must be ready to address hazardous materials. While EV presents a new risk, he did not feel the overall level of risk was elevated as long as the materials have been identified and the appropriate precautions have been made.
- He reiterated that his department is not afraid of the EV plant, but rather mindful of the risk and ready to respond if needed.

Again, I felt Bret was very forthcoming and willing to discuss this further.

I do feel his time might be better spent speaking with someone with a more technical understanding of the topic than I possess.

He is available at 616-634-0745. The department email is HCFIREFOIA@cityofholland.com

I do recommend we act thoroughly but timely, so the board has the adequate time to evaluate whatever recommendation we present."

Meeting adjourned 6:45pm.

Supervisor's Report

January 2023

Item "P"

January has been a slow month for us in the office. This has allowed me a little free time that includes taking off from January 28th to February 6th.

Last month we approved the sewer user charge. Green Township has also approved it, and we are now waiting on the city commission to approve.

I have interviewed two more people for the fire department and will be recommending them to you at this meeting. Jim Tubbs did ask me for permission to hold a benefit dinner for Perry and his wife which I approved. I suggested that they not set a price for the dinner, but they could do a suggested donation if they want to. This will be held February 9th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The food will be catered in.

Besides our special meetings, this month I attended the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Construction Board of Appeals meetings. Bob Szykowski is interested in serving on the ZBA, and I will be recommending him at this meeting. I also attended the City/County/Ferris/township meeting as well as the County MTA meeting.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.
Bill

As long as this report is short, I will just add the Gotion project meeting minutes below.

1-10-23

This morning I joined the weekly update meeting. The main concern this week was the amount of wet lands in both townships and what EGLE was going to allow. They are working on some different alternatives that EGLE asked for. There will be a meeting with EGLE later this week. Chuck said he is being pushed to move ahead on this project as soon as he can, so they need an answer from EGLE to see if this site is a go or not. Consumers Power said they are on hold until more information is received. The meeting lasted 10 minutes.

1-12-2023

This morning I was on a virtual meeting with a group including EGLE representatives. Gotion gave them a plan that they could do with only 75 acres of wet lands being disturbed as to the original 115 they ask for. They did mention that they may be looking at a couple more smaller sites in the footprint including one more in each township. EGLE will set up a meeting of their group for next Tuesday or Wednesday. From what I see, they are willing to at least work with them on this project.

1-17-2023

Today's meeting was very short. Everyone is waiting for EGLE to give them a go-ahead. Consumers is on hold until they have a go-ahead. The company is working with someone on the design of the complex, and they will be forwarding this to EGLE.

1-24-2023

This was another short meeting (nine minutes) with nothing new. The company is still changing their plans to avoid the wetlands as much as possible. They may have to look for additional land that they can transfer the wetlands to.



GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
LANSING

ORLENE HAWKS
DIRECTOR

Wal-Mart Stores East LP,
Petitioner,

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

v

MOAHR Docket No. 20-002393

Big Rapids Township,
Respondent.

Presiding Judge
Steven M. Bieda

FINAL OPINION AND JUDGMENT

The Tribunal issued a Proposed Opinion and Judgment (POJ) on October 21, 2022. The POJ states, in pertinent part, "[t]he parties have 20 days from date of entry of this POJ to notify the Tribunal in writing, by mail or by electronic filing, if available, if they do not agree with the POJ and to state in writing why they do not agree with the POJ (i.e., exceptions)."

On November 9, 2022, Petitioner filed exceptions to the POJ.¹ In the exceptions, Petitioner states the true cash value (TCV) adopted in the POJ is erroneous due to the adoption of an incorrect highest and best use (HBU) for the subject. Specifically, Petitioner contends that the POJ's conclusion of HBU as "continued use for commercial purposes as a free-standing owner-occupied retail building" is erroneous as a matter of law as well as the adoption of a wrong legal principal. Petitioner contends that the descriptor "owner-occupied" is not a valid use because HBU describes what is physically done at the real estate. Petitioner also contends this interpretation of HBU is incorrect because it allows the property's ownership to affect its TCV in contrast to several precedential decisions. Petitioner states that the weight of some comparable sales was not appropriate because of the erroneous HBU.

Respondent has not filed exceptions to the POJ or a response to Petitioner's exceptions.

The Tribunal has considered the exceptions and the case file and finds that the Administrative Law Judge properly considered the testimony and evidence submitted in the rendering of the POJ but partially erred in the decision. More specifically, the parties agree that the subject property is owner-occupied. In establishing the subject's HBU, the POJ indicates that the parties' evidence supports a HBU of the subject as an

¹ On January 18, 2023, Petitioner filed a Motion requesting that the Tribunal permit it to amend its exceptions. Petitioner sought leave to amend the exceptions due to erroneous citations, and the amended exceptions removed those references. On January 20, 2023, the Tribunal issued an Order granting Petitioner's Motion.

“owner-occupied freestanding retail building.”² Petitioner contends that it is inappropriate to designate the owner occupancy as part of the HBU, and based on *The Appraisal of Real Estate*,³ the Tribunal finds that Petitioner has shown good cause to modify that portion of the POJ to indicate the subject’s HBU as of tax day was continued use as a freestanding retail building.

Notwithstanding the correction of the HBU, Petitioner has not demonstrated that the POJ erred in the weighing of the comparable sales as a result. The Tribunal shall give respectful deference to the finder of fact in the weighing of the evidence. While consideration of owner-occupancy status is not appropriate in establishing the HBU, it is appropriate in the evaluation of comparable sales. Petitioner has not demonstrated any legal error in the POJ’s reliance on a sale matching those terms. Further, as stated in the POJ, the Tribunal finds that Petitioner’s unsupported location adjustments are a rational basis for giving less weight to Petitioner’s sales. Despite the factually correct phrase being errantly included in the HBU, examination of the record finds no basis for any further modification of the value conclusion based on the POJ’s thorough and rational examination.

Given the above, Petitioner has shown good cause to justify the modifying of the POJ.⁴ As such, the Tribunal modifies the POJ, as indicated herein, and adopts the modified POJ as the Tribunal’s final decision in this case.⁵ The Tribunal also incorporates by reference the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in the POJ, as modified herein, in this Final Opinion and Judgment. As a result:

- a. The property’s TCV, SEV, and TV, as established by the Board of Review for the tax year at issue, are as follows:

Parcel Number: 54-05-016-015-500

Year	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$9,217,800	\$4,608,900	\$4,374,584

- b. The property’s final TCV, SEV, and TV, for the tax year at issue, are as follows:

Parcel Number: 54-05-016-015-500

Year	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$6,510,000	\$3,255,000	\$3,255,000

² POJ at p 21.

³ “The concept of highest and best use relates to what is done physically with real estate, and use of physical land should not be confused with the motivations of owners or users.” *The Appraisal of Real Estate*, Appraisal Institute (Chicago: 15th ed, 2020) at p. 311.

⁴ See MCL 205.762.

⁵ See MCL 205.726.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the officer charged with maintaining the assessment rolls for the tax year(s) at issue shall correct or cause the assessment rolls to be corrected to reflect the property's true cash and taxable values as finally provided in this Final Opinion and Judgment within 20 days of the entry of the Final Opinion and Judgment, subject to the processes of equalization.⁶ To the extent that the final level of assessment for a given year has not yet been determined and published, the assessment rolls shall be corrected once the final level is published or becomes known.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the officer charged with collecting or refunding the affected taxes shall collect taxes and any applicable interest or issue a refund within 28 days of entry of this Final Opinion and Judgment. If a refund is warranted, it shall include a proportionate share of any property tax administration fees paid and penalty and interest paid on delinquent taxes. The refund shall also separately indicate the amount of the taxes, fees, penalties, and interest being refunded. A sum determined by the Tribunal to have been unlawfully paid shall bear interest from the date of payment to the date of judgment, and the judgment shall bear interest to the date of its payment. A sum determined by the Tribunal to have been underpaid shall not bear interest for any time period prior to 28 days after the issuance of this Final Opinion and Judgment. Pursuant to MCL 205.737, interest shall accrue (i) after December 31, 2013, through June 30, 2016, at the rate of 4.25%, (ii) after June 30, 2016, through December 31, 2016, at the rate of 4.40%, (iii) after December 31, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at the rate of 4.50%, (iv) after June 30, 2017, through December 31, 2017, at the rate of 4.70%, (v) after December 31, 2017, through June 30, 2018, at the rate of 5.15%, (vi) after June 30, 2018, through December 31, 2018, at the rate of 5.41%, (vii) after December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2019, at the rate of 5.9%, (viii) after June 30, 2019 through December 31, 2019, at the rate of 6.39%, (ix) after December 31, 2019, through June 30, 2020, at the rate of 6.40%, (x) after June 30 2020, through December 31, 2020, at the rate of 5.63%, (xi) after December 31, 2020, through June 30, 2022, at the rate of 4.25%, (xii) after June 30, 2022, through December 31, 2022, at the rate of 4.27%, and (xiii) after December 31, 2022, through June 30, 2023, at the rate of 5.65%.

This Final Opinion and Judgment resolves the last pending claim and closes this case.

APPEAL RIGHTS

If you disagree with the final decision in this case, you may file a motion for reconsideration with the Tribunal or a claim of appeal with the Michigan Court of Appeals.

A motion for reconsideration must be filed with the Tribunal with the required filing fee within 21 days from the date of entry of the final decision. Because the final decision closes the case, the motion cannot be filed through the Tribunal's web-based e-filing

⁶ See MCL 205.755.

system; it must be filed by mail or personal service. The fee for the filing of such motions is \$50.00 in the Entire Tribunal and \$25.00 in the Small Claims Division, unless the Small Claims decision relates to the valuation of property and the property had a principal residence exemption of at least 50% at the time the petition was filed or the decision relates to the grant or denial of a poverty exemption and, if so, there is no filing fee. You are required to serve a copy of the motion on the opposing party by mail or personal service or by email if the opposing party agrees to electronic service, and proof demonstrating that service must be submitted with the motion. Responses to motions for reconsideration are prohibited and there are no oral arguments unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal.

A claim of appeal must be filed with the Michigan Court of Appeals with the appropriate filing fee. If the claim is filed within 21 days of the entry of the final decision, it is an "appeal by right." If the claim is filed more than 21 days after the entry of the final decision, it is an "appeal by leave." You are required to file a copy of the claim of appeal with filing fee with the Tribunal in order to certify the record on appeal. The fee for certification is \$100.00 in both the Entire Tribunal and the Small Claims Division, unless no Small Claims fee is required.

By  _____

Entered: January 25, 2023

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent on the entry date indicated above to the parties or their attorneys or authorized representatives, if any, utilizing either the mailing or email addresses on file, as provide by those parties, attorneys, or authorized representatives.

By: Tribunal Clerk



Item "R"

MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP

PARTICIPATING PLAN

January 19, 2023

Hannah Saez, Clerk
Big Rapids Charter Township
14212 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Re: MTPP Cycle 23 Grant Application

Dear Hannah,

We are excited to inform you that the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors has approved your grant request in the amount of **\$ 1,377.00**. Please complete and return the attached Risk Reduction Grant Program Agreement to officially accept your grant award. If a signed grant acceptance agreement is not returned by **March 1, 2023** your award will be considered forfeit.

Upon completion of your project, copies of all invoices, photos and evidence of payment for the specific grant purpose must be submitted to the Par Plan to receive reimbursement.

All grant documents may be submitted via email at mtprrqp@tmhcc.com or by mail to:

Michigan Township Participating Plan
1700 Opdyke Court
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Please note that all invoices for grant expenditures must be dated after the date of the grant agreement.

The grant project, as specified on the agreement, must be started after and completed within six(6) months from the date of the grant agreement. The program does not allow for completion date extensions. If the grant project is not completed within the six-month time frame as stated above; the grant will be considered forfeited.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding the grant process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Venema
MTPP Administrator

Encl: RRGp Grant Agreement



Risk Reduction Grant Program Agreement

Date of Agreement: **February 2, 2023**

Upon application by **Big Rapids Charter Township** (hereinafter "Grantee") to the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program (hereinafter "Grantor"), Grantor agrees to fund the following Grant, and Grantee agrees to accept such Grant, in accordance with the terms below and subject to the additional conditions set forth in the grant application attached.

- 1. GRANT AMOUNT: **\$ 1,377.00**
Please note: Your award amount may differ from your requested amount. Due to the overwhelming success of the Risk Reduction Grant Program, you may have been awarded funding in an amount less than requested so that we may assist as many members as possible in mitigating risk.
- 2. GRANT TERMS: To be paid upon receipt of bills, invoices, photos and evidence of payment for verification and the specific grant purpose listed below. Invoices for expenditures must be dated after the date of this agreement. The reimbursement will be for actual expenses paid up to the amount awarded.
- 3. SPECIFIC PURPOSE(S) OF THE GRANT: The Grant shall be used solely for the purposes as outlined below.

Security Cameras

Funding is for security cameras only. Please note that your project must be completed in accordance with the grant agreement before reimbursement is given.

- 4. PROJECT COMPLETION DEADLINE: The grant project must be completed and the written request for reimbursement must be filed within six (6) months from the date of the grant agreement. That date is **August 2, 2023**. There will be no grant extensions. If the grant project is not completed within the six-month time frame stated above; grants will be considered forfeited.
- 5. PHOTO/MEDIA PERMISSION: The grantee authorizes grantor to use photographs or videos either taken by grantor or provided by grantee of the project or program and its participants for promotion and/or advertising related to grantor activities.

Executed by or on behalf of Grantor and Grantee as follows:

GRANTOR:
Michigan Township Participating Plan
1700 Opdyke Ct
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

GRANTEE:
Big Rapids Charter Township
14212 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

By: 

Print Name: Hannah Saez

Dated: **January 19, 2023**

By: _____
Dated: 2/7/23



MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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AMY KAILING
FINANCE DIRECTOR

2023 DUST CONTROL CONTRACT
With
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP

Item "S"

General Terms & Conditions:

- * The Mecosta County Road Commission will apply dust control for **\$140 per mile for each round of brine**.
- * Each party to this agreement acknowledges that the Cost is for dust control for all approved applications.
- * The Mecosta County Road Commission shall apply dust control to the Township Roads for the 2023 Season not to exceed three (3) applications per season.
- * The Mecosta County Road Commission will invoice the Township after each application has been completed for said Township.
- * The roads to be brined will be done solid with no spot application.

Big Rapids Township approves the following number of rounds to be done in the 2023 Brine season and agrees to pay \$140 per Mile for each application.

_____ One (1) application
\$140 per Mile

_____ Two (2) applications
\$140 per Mile

_____ Three (3) applications
\$140 per Mile

MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP

Chairman

Supervisor

Vice Chair

Clerk

Member

Treasurer

Trustee

Trustee

Date

Date

ITEM "V"



Michigan Department of Natural Resources/Forest Resources Division

2023 VOLUNTEER FIRE CAPACITY PROJECT AGREEMENT

This information is required by authority of Part 5 of Act 451, P.A. 1994 as amended, to receive funds.

This Agreement is between Big Rapids Township FD, a local unit of government in the county of Mecosta, hereinafter referred to as the "GRANTEE," and the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, an agency of the State of Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the "DEPARTMENT." Funds are appropriated from 22-DG-11094200-136, a Federal Grant from the United States Forest Service, USDA to the DEPARTMENT to issue grants for projects in the state under the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 for the Volunteer Fire Capacity Program and approved by the Michigan Legislature.

A copy of this Federal award is included as APPENDIX B.

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funding in exchange for work to be performed for the project named below. This Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions specified herein.

Project Description: hose reel, hose, fire rakes, foam eductor

Project #: FRD-VFC-05411

Amount of grant: <u>\$1025.00</u>	<u>50%</u>	Start Date: <u>Date of Execution by DEPARTMENT</u>
Amount of match: <u>\$1025.00</u>	<u>50%</u>	End Date: <u>08/01/2023</u>
Project Total: <u>\$2050.00</u>		

As a precondition to the execution of the Agreement, the GRANTEE is required to sign the Agreement and return it to the DEPARTMENT no later than January 27, 2023, or the Agreement may be cancelled by the DEPARTMENT. **This Agreement is not effective until the GRANTEE has signed it, returned it, and the DEPARTMENT has signed it.** The Agreement is considered executed when signed by the DEPARTMENT.

The individuals signing below certify by their signatures that they are authorized to sign this Grant Agreement on behalf of their agencies, and that the parties will fulfill the terms of this Agreement, including any attached appendices, as set forth herein.

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>
SIGNED	SIGNED
By: <u><i>Hannah Jay</i></u>	By: _____
Title: <u>Clerk</u>	Title: _____
Date: <u>2/17/23</u>	Date: _____

SIGMA Vendor Number _____ SIGMA Address ID _____

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SIGNED

By: Dan Laux
Manager, Fire Management Section

WITNESSED

By: Kelly Robbins

Date of Execution by DEPARTMENT

I. CONTACT INFORMATION

This Agreement shall be administered on behalf of the DEPARTMENT by the Forest Resources Division. All reports, documents, or actions required of the GRANTEE shall be submitted to the contact below.

GRANTEE CONTACT

Name/Title

Organization

Address

Address

Telephone Number

E-mail Address

DEPARTMENT CONTACT

Kelly Robbins

Name/Title

MI Department of Natural Resources- Forest Resource Division

Organization

525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933

Address

P.O. Box 30425, Lansing, MI 48909

Address

517-930-4294

Telephone Number

Robbinsk@michigan.gov

E-mail Address

All notices, reports, requests or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently given when mailed or emailed and addressed as indicated in this section. The DEPARTMENT and GRANTEE may by written notice designate a different address to which subsequent notices, reports, requests, or other communications shall be sent.

II. PROJECT SCOPE

The Volunteer Fire Capacity application that was received (APPENDIX A) is, by this reference, made part of this Agreement. This Agreement, together with the APPENDIXES, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties.

Costs must be allowable, allocable, reasonable and consistent with the budget identified for completing the project as described in APPENDIX A, including modifications to APPENDIX A, which must be requested and approved in writing. Only the agreed-upon project costs (including GRANTEE match) incurred during the project period are eligible for grant payment, unless otherwise approved in writing by the DEPARTMENT.

III. PROJECT PERIOD

The project period is from the date of execution by the DEPARTMENT through the end date identified on page 1 of this Agreement. The GRANTEE is expected to complete the project within the project period.

IV. CHANGES

Any changes to this Agreement requested by GRANTEE must be made in writing to the DEPARTMENT and are subject to DEPARTMENT approval in its sole discretion. Changes requiring an amendment to this Agreement, will be executed by the DEPARTMENT and the GRANTEE in the same manner as this Agreement.

V. GRANTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The GRANTEE must maintain a record of its participation in the Rural Community Fire Protection Program. Copies of this agreement, appropriate bills, and payments should be kept in a separate folder.

A bid process must be used for all purchases over \$2,500.

The DEPARTMENT is responsible for inventorying nonexpendable items every two years.

Expendable property valued at less than \$5,000 will not be inventoried and is considered the property of the local unit of government. Non-expendable items are property with a value of \$5,000 more.

Local units of government that wish to sell or dispose of non-expendable property of \$5,000 or more in value must contact the DEPARTMENT before disposal.

Disposal of non-expendable items valued at \$5,000 or more:

- a. Notify the DEPARTMENT prior to disposal.

- b. If the value of the item at time of sale is less than \$100, the local unit of government must reimburse the federal government their percentage share of the disposal value based on the percent of federal participation at the time of the grant.
- c. If a like item is purchased with the receipts of the disposal, no reimbursement is necessary, but the DEPARTMENT must be advised so that a correction may be made on the inventory.

The GRANTEE agrees to abide by all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, ordinances, and regulations in the performance of this grant.

The GRANTEE of this award is subject to the OMB guidance in subparts A through F of 2 CFR Part 200 as adopted and supplemented by the USDA in 2 CFR Part 400. Adoption by USDA of the OMB guidance in 2 CFR 400 gives regulatory effect to the OMB guidance in 2 CFR 200 where full text may be found.

Electronic copies of the CFR's can be obtained at the following internet site: www.ecfr.gov. If you are unable to retrieve these regulations electronically, please contact the Grant and Agreements Office at (640) 557-4106.

The GRANTEE agrees to obtain all necessary permits before commencement of the project. This Agreement shall not be construed to obligate the DEPARTMENT or any other agency to issue any permit required for the completion of the project. It is the sole responsibility of the GRANTEE to determine what permits are required for the project, secure the needed permits and remain in compliance with such permits. The GRANTEE will retain a copy of all permits in the file and make them available to the DEPARTMENT upon request.

The GRANTEE affirms to have control of the project area through fee-simple title, lease or other recorded interest in the project area or written permission from the owner of the project area to complete project activities.

This Agreement shall not be construed to require the DEPARTMENT to operate or maintain or to contribute to the operation or maintenance of the project improvements and associated project activities that are the subject of this Agreement for the course of the expected useful life.

The GRANTEE is solely responsible for the operation and maintenance of the project activities that are the subject of this Agreement and the actions of any employee or agent of the GRANTEE acting within the scope of their employment or agency.

The GRANTEE shall comply with the Employers Engaging in Unfair Labor Practices Act, 1980 PA 278, as amended, MCL 423.321 et seq.

VI. PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING

The GRANTEE agrees to adhere to all contracting and procurement requirements as outlined in the OMB guidance listed in Part III of this agreement, for the year the grant award was issued or the most recent OMB guidance.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to deny the use of any consultant, contractor, associate, or other personnel to perform any portion of the project. The GRANTEE is solely responsible for all contractual activities performed under this Agreement. Further, the DEPARTMENT will consider the GRANTEE to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the anticipated grant. All subcontractors used by the GRANTEE in performing the project shall be subject to the provisions of this Agreement and shall be qualified to perform the duties required.

VII. USE OF MATERIAL

Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, the GRANTEE may release information or material developed under this Agreement, provided it includes specific recognition of assistance received from the DEPARTMENT.

The DEPARTMENT retains a royalty-free, nonexclusive and irrevocable right to reproduce, publish, and use in whole or in part, and authorize others to do so, any copyrightable material or research data submitted under this grant whether or not the material is copyrighted by the GRANTEE or another person.

VIII. ASSIGNABILITY

This Agreement and grant may not be transferred or assigned to any other agency, group, or individual without prior written approval by the DEPARTMENT.

IX. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The GRANTEE shall comply with the Elliott Larsen Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 453, as amended, MCL 37.2101 et seq., the Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, 1976 PA 220, as amended, MCL 37.1101 et seq., and all other federal, state, and local fair employment practices and equal opportunity laws and covenants that it shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment, to be employed in the performance of this Agreement, with respect to his or her hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of his or her sex, race, color, religion, national origin, residence, age, height, weight, familial status, marital status or disability that is

unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular job or position. The GRANTEE agrees to include in every subcontract entered into for the performance of this Agreement this covenant not to discriminate in employment. A breach of this covenant is a material breach of this Agreement.

No individual shall be denied access to grant-funded facilities or activities on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, national origin, residence, age, height, weight, familial status, marital status or disability.

X. LIABILITY

The GRANTEE hereby represents that it will defend any suit brought against either party that involves title, ownership, or specific rights, including appurtenant riparian rights, of any lands controlled by the GRANTEE connected with or affected by the project.

The GRANTEE is responsible for all claims, demands, judgments, and expenses, including attorney fees, from any and all loss, damage, or injury to person or property, or death arising under or in any manner related to the Agreement, the activities authorized by the Agreement or the use and occupancy of the premises, project area or facilities.

XI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No government employee, or member of the legislative, judicial, or executive branches, or member of the GRANTEE's Board of Directors, its employees, partner agencies, or their families shall benefit financially from any part of this Agreement.

XII. ANTI-LOBBYING

The GRANTEE shall not use any of the grant funds awarded in this Agreement for the purpose of lobbying as defined in the State of Michigan's lobbying statute, MCL 4.415(2). "Lobbying" means communicating directly with an official of the executive branch of state government or an official in the legislative branch of state government for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action."

XIII. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION

By signing this Agreement, the GRANTEE certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it, its agents, and its subcontractors:

1. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or the state.
2. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, as defined in 45 CFR 1185; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property.
3. Are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in subsection (2).
4. Have not within a three-year period preceding this Agreement had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

XIV. IRAN SANCTIONS ACT

By signing this Agreement, the GRANTEE is certifying that it is not an Iran linked business, and that its contractors are not Iran linked businesses, as defined in MCL 129.312.

XV. AUDIT AND ACCESS TO RECORDS

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to conduct a programmatic and financial audit of the project and may withhold payment until the audit is satisfactorily completed. The GRANTEE will be required to maintain all pertinent records and evidence pertaining to this Agreement, including grant and any required matching funds, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and other procedures specified by the State. The State or any of its duly authorized representatives must have access, upon reasonable notice, to such books, records, documents, and other evidence for the purpose of inspection, audit, and copying. The GRANTEE will provide proper facilities for such access and inspection. All records must be maintained for a minimum of seven years after the final payment has been issued to the GRANTEE by the DEPARTMENT.

XVI. INSURANCE

The GRANTEE shall acquire and maintain insurance which will protect the GRANTEE from claims which may arise out of or result from the GRANTEE'S operations under this Agreement, whether performed by the GRANTEE, a subcontractor or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the GRANTEE, or anyone for whose acts may hold them liable. Such insurance shall be with companies authorized to do business in the State of Michigan in such amounts and against such risks as are

ordinarily carried by similar entities, including but not limited to public liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance or a program of self-insurance complying with the requirements of Michigan law. The GRANTEE shall provide evidence of such insurance to the DEPARTMENT at its request.

XVII. OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING

The GRANTEE agrees to notify the DEPARTMENT immediately if funding for the same or a substantially similar project is received and to cease all activity under this Agreement until the difference in scope between projects is identified and agreed upon by all parties.

The GRANTEE guarantees that any claims for reimbursement made to the DEPARTMENT under this Agreement must not be financed by any source other than the DEPARTMENT under the terms of this Agreement. If funding is received through any other source, the GRANTEE agrees to delete from GRANTEE's billings, or to immediately refund to the DEPARTMENT, the total amount representing such duplication of funding.

XVIII. REIMBURSEMENT

This is a reimbursement grant program. All project expenses must be incurred and paid before being submitted for reimbursement.

1. The DEPARTMENT will reimburse the GRANTEE a total amount not to exceed the amount on page 1 of this Agreement, in accordance with APPENDIX A. Any cost overruns incurred to complete the project activities called for by this Agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the GRANTEE.
2. The GRANTEE is required to submit all purchase documentation- invoice, plus payment verification (copy of money order, cashier's check, or check issued with a copy of the bank statement) in order to receive reimbursement. Documentation of expenditures and value of match and donations must meet written DEPARTMENT requirements as specified in the OMB guidance for the year the grant was issued or the most recent version of the OMB guidance. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to request additional information necessary to substantiate payment.
3. The GRANTEE is responsible for providing documentation of all matching funds committed to the project. If the GRANTEE fails to meet the match obligation the DEPARTMENT may withhold or require repayment of grant funds.
4. The DEPARTMENT has 45 calendar days to make payment on completed reimbursement requests.
5. The GRANTEE must be a registered vendor with the State of Michigan SIGMA Vendor Self Service (VSS) system to receive payments. The registration website is: <https://sigma.michigan.gov/webapp/PRDVSS2X1/AltSelfService>. All grant funds will be paid by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).
6. **Due to the State's year-end closing procedures, final reimbursement requests must be submitted to the DEPARTMENT no later than September 1, 2023 to allow the State to complete its accounting for that fiscal year. Any requests for reimbursement submitted after the deadline will be denied by the DEPARTMENT.**

XIX. CLOSEOUT

A determination of project completion, which may include a site inspection and an audit, shall be made by the DEPARTMENT after the GRANTEE has met any match obligations, satisfactorily completed the activities, and provided products and deliverables described in APPENDIX A.

Upon issuance of final payment from the DEPARTMENT, the GRANTEE releases the DEPARTMENT of all claims against the DEPARTMENT arising under this Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement or by State law, final payment under this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the DEPARTMENT's claims against the GRANTEE. All records must be maintained for a minimum of seven years after the final payment has been issued to the GRANTEE by the DEPARTMENT.

The GRANTEE shall immediately refund to the DEPARTMENT any payments in excess of the costs allowed by this Agreement.

XX. CANCELLATION

This Agreement may be canceled by the DEPARTMENT, upon 30 days written notice, due to Executive Order, budgetary reduction, other lack of funding, upon request by the GRANTEE, or upon mutual Agreement by the DEPARTMENT and GRANTEE. The DEPARTMENT may honor requests for just and equitable compensation to the GRANTEE for all satisfactory and eligible work completed under this Agreement up until 30 days after written notice, upon which time all outstanding reports and documents are due to the DEPARTMENT and the DEPARTMENT will no longer be liable to pay the GRANTEE for any further charges to the grant.

XXI. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated by the DEPARTMENT as follows:

1. Upon 30 days written notice to the GRANTEE:
 - a. If the GRANTEE fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, or with the requirements of the authorizing legislation, or the rules promulgated thereunder, or other applicable law or rules.
 - b. If the GRANTEE knowingly and willingly presents false information to the DEPARTMENT for the purpose of obtaining this Agreement or any payment under this Agreement.
 - c. If the DEPARTMENT finds that the GRANTEE, or any of the GRANTEE's agents or representatives, offered or gave gratuities, favors, or gifts of monetary value to any official, employee, or agent of the State in an attempt to secure a subcontract or favorable treatment in awarding, amending, or making any determinations related to the performance of this Agreement.
 - d. If the GRANTEE or any subcontractor, manufacturer, or supplier of the GRANTEE appears in the register of persons engaging in unfair labor practices that is compiled by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs or its successor.
 - e. During the 30-day written notice period, the DEPARTMENT shall withhold payment for any findings under subparagraphs a through d, above and the GRANTEE will immediately cease charging to the grant and stop earning match for the project.
2. Immediately and without further liability to the DEPARTMENT if the GRANTEE, or any agent of the GRANTEE, or any agent of any subcontract is:
 - a. Convicted of a criminal offense incident to the application for or performance of a State, public, or private contract or subcontract;
 - b. Convicted of a criminal offense, including but not limited to any of the following: embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, receiving stolen property, or attempting to influence a public employee to breach the ethical conduct standards for State of Michigan employees;
 - c. Convicted under state or federal antitrust statutes;
 - d. Convicted of any other criminal offense that, in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, reflects on the GRANTEE's business integrity; or
 - e. Added to the federal or state Suspension and Debarment list.

If a grant is terminated, the DEPARTMENT reserves the right to require the GRANTEE to repay all or a portion of funds received under this Agreement.

Failure of the GRANTEE to comply with any of the provisions of this Agreement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. Upon breach of the Agreement by the GRANTEE, the DEPARTMENT, in addition to any other remedy provided by law, may:

- a. Terminate this Agreement; and/or
- b. Withhold and/or cancel future payments to the GRANTEE under this Agreement or any other grant projects administered by DEPARTMENT until the violation is resolved to the satisfaction of the DEPARTMENT; and/or
- c. Withhold action on all pending and future grant applications submitted by the GRANTEE and/or
- d. Require repayment of grant funds paid to GRANTEE; and/or
- f. Require specific performance of the Agreement.

XXII. RELATIONSHIP

The GRANTEE is considered a sub-recipient in this grant agreement. The GRANTEE is to use the Federal funds to carry out the program purpose of this Federal award. During the term of this grant the GRANTEE must adhere to all applicable Federal program requirements that are listed in the award, that is included in APPENDIX 2.



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program
Mecosta Conservation District
18260 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307
(989) 309-9229
brook.baumann@macd.org
www.mecostacd.org

ITEM "W"



February 1, 2023

Dear Big Rapids Charter Township Board,

The Mecosta Conservation District, representing the three-county Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Committee, wishes to thank you for your financial support of our 2022 Collection Day. The collection was a great success, resulting in the safe disposal of 37,434 pounds of hazardous material from 631 households. Mecosta County collected over 48% of the hazardous waste between the three counties, meaning 18,057 pounds of toxic material was saved from entering our waterways. The cost for this one-day event was over \$30,000, but thanks to the support from our community, we were able to offset the costs of disposal and provide this valuable service to our landowners.

The planning of the 2023 annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection is underway. The HHW Collection will be taking place on Thursday, August 3rd, 2023 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Big Rapids Fairgrounds.

These collections provide residents with a safe and effective means for the disposal of toxic and hazardous waste. We contract with companies who are certified and trained in safe and proper recycling and disposal methods. Any other form of disposal (sewer, drain, landfill, dumping on ground) can potentially contaminate our surface and groundwater. Many of these hazardous materials are NOT accepted by local waste haulers. We most commonly collect pesticides, fertilizers, oils and other chemicals. Pesticides can acutely impact human health when they spill and leach through the soil and into the groundwater aquifers that many people drink from. In addition to these more immediate threats, pesticides and fertilizers can impact our local watersheds, causing harmful algae blooms and/or fish and invertebrate die-offs. The health and safety of our natural resources and future generations depend on proper disposal of these substances.

In the last year, operational costs have exceeded our ability to adequately fund the program. Additionally, the company we have contracted with for two decades is no longer a contractor option and we were forced to move to a new company. With the new company, our costs are expected to increase by *at least* \$20,000. The new company charges quite a bit more per pound and has a flat charge per location site. Economically, it made more sense to have it on a weekday evening rather than a weekend. Data from other counties indicated participation levels have not suffered from moving it to a weekday. To accommodate more folks, we extended the collection by an hour. Instead of doing a collection in Mecosta, Lake and Osceola County, we have alternated the locations every other year for Lake and Osceola Counties. By going to two collection sites instead of three, we will be saving \$2,000 on one of the flat charge fees. We are putting a great deal of our time and resources into keeping this program sustainable, but it is truly a community effort.

Included with this letter, is an allocation request packet with relevant information which may guide your board to make an informed decision on your level of support. Again, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support of our program and protection of our precious natural resources. We are proud to be partnering with the community on this event.

Sincerely,

Brook Baumann

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On Behalf of the Household Hazardous Waste Committee
Hazardous Waste Committee



2023 Household Hazardous Waste Program
Mecosta, Osceola & Lake Counties
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Big Rapids Charter Township

Past level of support:

2019- \$1,000

2020- \$2,000

2021- \$2,000

2022- \$2,000

Number of Households that participated: 29

Average cost per household: \$82 (uses 2023 rates with last year's household data)

Cost we anticipate your township spending using 2022 collection numbers: \$2,378 (see note below)

Amount requested: \$3,000

****In 2021, when the collection was held at the fairgrounds, Big Rapids Charter Township had 54 households participate. That many households would generate \$4,428 amount of waste. Since the 2023 Collection will be held at the fairgrounds, the amount requested is less than the average amount of waste collected with the altering site locations****

If possible to pay more than the requested amount, we would greatly appreciate any additional support! Every \$1.30 helps dispose of one pound of hazardous material.

Please find enclosed some information and materials regarding this program. A contract agreement has been included; please complete and return with a check following the information below:

Mecosta Conservation District
18260 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

For further information contact Brook Baumann at (989) 309-9229 or brook.baumann@macd.org

Thank you for your support!

*Cost reduction on
week days*

3 Counties

AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES
BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
AND
MECOSTA AND OSCEOLA-LAKE CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS

Big Rapids Charter Township and the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts desire to act cooperatively to provide the proper disposal of household hazardous waste for residents of Big Rapids Charter Township and Mecosta County. Therefore, Big Rapids Charter Township contracts with Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste in the amount of \$ 3,000. This service agreement will promote the public health, safety, and welfare of Township and County residents.

Date: 2/7/23

by: 
Big Rapids Charter Township Representative

Date: 2-1-23

by: 
Mecosta Conservation District Representative

Date: 2-1-23

by: 
Osceola-Lake Conservation District Representative

Check Register Report For Big Rapids Charter Township
For Payroll ID: 267 Check Date: 02/01/2023 Pay Period End Date: 01/31/2023

Check Date	Bank	Check Number	Name	ITEM "X"	Check Gross	Physical Check Amount
/01/2023	GEN	13327	AMBLER, ALLEN S		373.32	325.16
/01/2023	GEN	13328	ANTOR, GERALD A		663.40	612.65
/01/2023	GEN	13329	BALLARD , MIA L		503.52	443.60
/01/2023	GEN	13330	BECHAZ, MARY L		408.00	359.44
/01/2023	GEN	13331	BELKA, SCOT A		63.48	55.92
/01/2023	GEN	13332	BERENS, DYLAN I		1,192.72	963.34
/01/2023	GEN	13333	BUYS, EMILY M		63.48	55.92
/01/2023	GEN	13334	CALIFF, MICHAEL H		493.30	429.02
/01/2023	GEN	13335	CHAPMAN, JAMES M		417.80	368.08
/01/2023	GEN	13336	COOK, ZACHARY F		50.00	46.17
/01/2023	GEN	13337	CURRIE, PENNY M		3,975.00	1,333.60
/01/2023	GEN	13338	DOUGLASS, PERRY IV A		927.50	728.12
/01/2023	GEN	13339	EVERETT, JERALD D		154.17	135.82
/01/2023	GEN	13340	GEIB, ANTHONY C		154.17	135.82
/01/2023	GEN	13341	JONES, JERRAD C		503.52	437.00
/01/2023	GEN	13342	KIRWIN, DAVID R		2,895.83	2,492.48
/01/2023	GEN	13343	KLEINHEKSEL, TIMOTHY J		3,460.14	3,057.03
/01/2023	GEN	13344	KONDZIOLKA, CHERYL L		259.25	239.42
/01/2023	GEN	13345	LENTINE, JOSEPH E		630.48	549.15
/01/2023	GEN	13346	MCARTHUR, IAN D		148.12	129.01
/01/2023	GEN	13347	MOSS , MARK E		489.72	431.45
/01/2023	GEN	13348	OLIVER, GORDON		50.00	44.04
/01/2023	GEN	13349	OOSTERHOUSE, JEFFREY S		50.00	44.04
/01/2023	GEN	13350	PARKER, THOMAS		482.36	410.14
/01/2023	GEN	13351	PEREZ, ADAM		84.64	73.71
/01/2023	GEN	13352	ROOT, CHAD M		50.00	46.17
/01/2023	GEN	13353	ROUTLEY, NICHOLAS		154.17	135.82
/01/2023	GEN	13354	SAEZ, HANNAH C		3,975.00	2,680.37
/01/2023	GEN	13355	STANEK, WILLIAM F		4,125.00	1,194.05
/01/2023	GEN	13356	SWEPPENHEISER, MARK A		50.00	46.17
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/01/2023	GEN	13358	VELDMAN, MARC		3,593.19	2,817.83
/01/2023	GEN	13359	WETHINGTON, AMANDA R		50.00	44.04
/01/2023	GEN	13360	WYMA, NICHOLAS A		1,302.84	1,048.24
/01/2023	GEN	STUB61	BEAN, CARMAN		154.17	0.00

Totals: Number of Checks: 035 33,107.87 22,972.10

Total Physical Checks: 34

Total Check Stubs: 1

ITEM "Y"

Check Date	Bank	Check	Vendor	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
Bank GEN GENERAL TOWNSHIP CHECKING						
01/09/2023	GEN	33621	AYERS	AYERS BASEMENT SYSTEMS	30% DEPOSIT FOR FD BASEMENT REPAIR	4,858.07
01/09/2023	GEN	33622	CHAO1	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	FIRE DPT	603.77
01/09/2023	GEN	33623	CIT02	BIG RAPIDS CITY TREASURER	SEWER USAGE AND IPP CHARGE	27,100.66
01/09/2023	GEN	33624	CON00	CONSUMERS ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS 7812	594.19
01/09/2023	GEN	33625	ELECTION S	ELECTION SOURCE	ICP/ICK ANNUAL MAINT CONTRACT ELECTIONS	990.00
01/09/2023	GEN	33626	GRANGER	GRANGER	CEM, FD, TWP OFFICES	189.63
01/09/2023	GEN	33627	GRE02	GREAT LAKES ENERGY	12/28-1/17	21.18
01/09/2023	GEN	33628	HOPE	HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN	DEC 12/9 CLEANERS	54.00
01/09/2023	GEN	33629	ILTIS CONS	ILTIS CONSTRUCTION, INC	TWP HALL BLDG LABOR/MATERIALS	21,072.25
01/09/2023	GEN	33630	MCA00	MECOSTA COUNTY ASSESSOR'S ASSO	MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING	50.00
01/09/2023	GEN	33631	MCA00	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	DEC FUEL USAGE	119.85
01/09/2023	GEN	33632	NORTHWEST	NORTHWEST KENT MECHANICAL CO.	DEC MAINT, MC SVC CALL, BAD OUTLET REPL	2,061.78
01/09/2023	GEN	33633	WIL02	ERIC D. WILLIAMS	TAX TRIB MATTERS	1,150.00
01/15/2023	GEN	9930366(E)	SBS00	SMALL BUSINESS ADMIN SERVICES LLC	HRA SBAM FEE	52.50
01/19/2023	GEN	33634	AYERS	AYERS BASEMENT SYSTEMS	FIRE HALL BASEMENT WORK	16,193.57
01/19/2023	GEN	33635	BIG01	BIG RAPIDS TWP SEWER REC. FUND	TOWNSHIP OFFICES, FD	50.85
01/19/2023	GEN	33636	CHAO1	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	HVC	129.98
01/19/2023	GEN	33637	CIT02	BIG RAPIDS CITY TREASURER	WATER TEST	54.00
01/19/2023	GEN	33638	CON00	CONSUMERS ENERGY	STATE ST LS	2,725.21
01/19/2023	GEN	33639	CON00	VOID		0.00 V
01/19/2023	GEN	33640	DTE00	DTE ENERGY	UPS LS	1,379.45
01/19/2023	GEN	33641	DTE00	VOID		0.00 V
01/19/2023	GEN	33642	KCI	KCI	TWP SURVEY POSTAGE	2,600.68
01/19/2023	GEN	33643	MEC01	MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION	FD & CEM FUEL CHARGES	232.72
01/19/2023	GEN	33644	MIS00	MISS DIG 811	MEMBERSHIP FEE/ANNUAL MAINT/EDUCATION A	1,289.53
01/19/2023	GEN	33645	PI000	THE PIONEER GROUP	MINUTES 12/6/22	142.55
01/19/2023	GEN	33646	WOL01	WOLVERINE POWER SYSTEMS	MAINTENANCE VENLO LIFT STATION	2,773.94
01/19/2023	GEN	33647	WOL01	VOID		0.00 V
02/01/2023	GEN	9930368(E)	CHE00	HUNTINGTON BANK	JAN 23 EFTPS PAYMENT	6,455.17
02/01/2023	GEN	9930369(E)	JHI00	JOHN HANCOCK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	JOHN HANCOCK PAYROLL JAN 23	3,043.84
02/01/2023	GEN	9930370(E)	STA00	STATE OF MICHIGAN	STATE TAX W/H JAN 23 PAYROLL	953.13
02/01/2023	GEN	9930371(E)	VOYA	VOYA FINANCIAL	JANUARY VOYA 457 PAYROLL	4,666.39
02/02/2023	GEN	33662	MIK00	MIKA, MEYERS, BECKETT & JONES	LEGAL OPINION, INFORMATION COMPILED	1,248.50
02/07/2023	GEN	33648	ACC00	ACCIDENT FUND COMPANY	MONTHLY INS INSTALLMENT	1,383.50
02/07/2023	GEN	33649	BS&0	BS&A SOFTWARE	ASSESSING, PAYROLL, TAX SYSTEM ANN FEE	2,786.00
02/07/2023	GEN	33650	CIT00	CITY OF BIG RAPIDS	JAN 23 CITY TAX W/H	53.74
02/07/2023	GEN	33651	CON00	CONSUMERS ENERGY	STREET LIGHTS 6979	1,616.00
02/07/2023	GEN	33652	CON00	VOID		0.00 V
02/07/2023	GEN	33653	FIR00	FIRST NATIONAL BANK	JAN CEM TRUCK MAINT	6,814.45
02/07/2023	GEN	33654	GRE02	GREAT LAKES ENERGY	JAN 23 GREAT LAKES UTILITY BILL	22.46
02/07/2023	GEN	33655	HOPE	HOPE NETWORK WEST MICHIGAN	CLEANERS 1/6, 1/20	126.00
02/07/2023	GEN	33656	KCI	KCI	SURVEYS REMAINDER BILL	846.49
02/07/2023	GEN	33657	KEVIN C	KEVIN CUSHWAY	WATER TREATMENT SVCS JAN	600.00
02/07/2023	GEN	33658	MIK00	MIKA, MEYERS, BECKETT & JONES	LEGAL MATTERS - CONFLICT OF INTEREST	441.00
02/07/2023	GEN	33659	MOSS01	MARK MOSS	JAN BLDG MILEAGE	33.75
02/07/2023	GEN	33660	PRIORITY H	PRIORITY HEALTH	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	2,862.75
02/07/2023	GEN	33661	XEROX	XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	DEC PAYMENT	457.66

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GEN TOTALS:
 Total of 47 Checks: 120,901.19
 Less 4 Void Checks: 0.00
 Total of 43 Disbursements: 120,901.19