

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
APPROVED

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 I-pads 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. **Itis Construction:** A motion was made by Bean to approve the Itis 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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