**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 2, 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: Tom Kunse quick intro; Lansing report**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Water Plant Industrial Park**

**Township Insurance & Health Insurance**

**CORRESPONDENCE: Green Township Zoning:**

**Gotion Concern:**

**Noise Ordinance Letter from College Town Apartments:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **April 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes:**
2. **April 14, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes:**
3. **April Financial Report:**
4. **Building Department Report:**

**5. Cemetery and Grounds Report:**

**6. Fire Department Report:**

**7. Sewer Department Report:**

**8. Water Department Report:**

**11. Election Commission Minutes:**

**12. Planning Commission Minutes:**

**13. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes:**

**11. Supervisor’s Report:**

A motion was made by Bean to approve of the Consent Agenda. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Woodward Property complaint:** Tim Kleinheksel presents letter/went with Twp Attorney to property; in compliance. Adding repeat offenses to the next planning/zoning meeting for discussion on ordinances.
2. **Final bill on hall restoration:** A motion was made by Bean to approve of the final Iltis bill in the amount of $15,211.65. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Resolution 2023-1 wages:** A motion was made by Currie to approve Resolution 2023-1 for both Gavin and Steve. Everett supports. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Fire Department employee issue:**

Bean - Hannah, did you send a letter?

Stanek - I did, at the request of the board.

Bean - We did not vote on that; that was not discussed

Stanek - I called Chapman on the phone to schedule a meeting, he said he was off that day. I sent him an email that states as follows:

I am wrong here if that is not part of the request. I went through the minutes and I did not see it.

Everett - Problem arose because you decided to contact him personally. This should have occurred between the board and the employee

Bean - Our Directive was for Nick and I to speak with Tubbs and inform him to speak with the employee

Routley - I don’t understand how you’re not on the same page and how you thought to ask for his resignation

Bean - Need to act unilaterally on things that impact someone's life

Stanek - I should not have done it

Everett - Next steps?

Currie - Let’s move on

1. **Other:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Stump Removal bids for park:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of the quote for stump removal at Highbanks Park from Ground Up in the amount of $2,700. Supported by Routley. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Park Bench Quote:** A motion was made by Bean to approve of the parks bench quote in the amount of $500.00. Supported by Saez. Motion passed. Bean would like to develop a projective maintenance cost.

Currie - update on arch work at Cemetery. Hoping to have it done by Memorial Day.

1. **Resolution 2023-2 Master Plan:** Bean reads/discusses. Reviewed the County Master Plan. Very specific about agricultural use. Preservation of land, not rezoning based on how someone wants to use it. Several planning commissions and boards voted on this and have maintained it throughout the decades, and I ask the board to support it.

A motion was made by Currie to approve of Resolution 2023-2, to support the Mecosta County Master Plan. Supported by Everett. Motion passed 6-1. Stanek, no.

1. **Municipal Underwriters of Michigan: Township Insurance.** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the MUM insurance renewal in the amount of $22,213.00, and to contact about adding the Park/Playground to the insurance plan. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Lerner & Associates, Priority Health Insurance Renewal:** A motion was made by Bean to approve of the Health insurance renewal at the increase of 9%. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Water Plant Discussion:** Bean - addition to next meeting possibly; water plant cost, what benefit/costs are and what impact would be if we decommissioned the wells. Stanek - committee meeting next week; will add to list.
4. **Fire Department Discussion:** Discussion with FD asking employees for resignation letter misunderstanding. Bean - at will clarification. Saez - I need documentation of when people leave for their personnel files.

**Financial**

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Currie to approve of Payroll in the amount of $34,745.36. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of $244,068.65 was made by Bean. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Brent Mason - Brought up during discussion whether or not Green has a master plan; they did in fact develop one at one time. Small committee that brought suggestions to the County. No idea how old it is. I am grateful for your consideration to stand with Mecosta County Master Plan and for letting the county know that the info should be held and they should follow. Thank you**

**Tim Han - Currie and Saez when addressing Green Twp/Lansing, speaking on behalf of yourself or the Township board? Both - self.**

**ADJOURNMENT:7:51pm**

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