

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
APPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Safe Streets/Roads for all Grant, CENSUS discussion, Highbanks Park discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. May 2, 2023, Meeting Minutes:**
- 2. May 8, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes:**
- 3. May Financial Report:**
- 4. Building Department Report:**
- 5. Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
- 6. Fire Department Report:**
- 7. Sewer Department Report:**
- 8. Water Department Report:**
- 9. Planning Commission Minutes:**
- 10. Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes:**
- 11. Supervisor's Report:**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Request from City for support letter: A motion was made by Geib to support the City of BR in pursuit of the grant for the Depot Trail Head Park. Everett supports. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Resignation of Kevin Cushway: A motion was made by Geib to get bids as soon as possible for the next meeting before the 90 days are up for the water plant position. Supported by Routley. Motion passed unanimously.**

Fire Chaplin: Discussion on cost sharing for invoice pertaining to Chaplin. Jim Tubbs – The county fire associations decided at a meeting that we were not represented at they were going to approve expenditure for all locations. Asked for amounts and as things came in and I asked for training I had no idea what it would cost. It does appear that what remaining training will be substantially less than what this bill was. This chaplain will serve all jurisdictions in the county. If we have a call where chaplain is on our roster we call him in and he's covered under our liability, we can put him into the points and he can get paid.

- 3. Fire Training Expense: A motion was made by Geib to approve of the invoice to the Mecosta County Fire Training Association in the amount of \$2700.51 out of the Fire Department's training budget. Supported by Everett. **Noted that Tubbs has not complied with State requirement for reporting, and that is why we are now paying this expense for the training. Tubbs was asked to contact the State to figure out why the reporting wasn't submitting and what he needed to do to correct it in the system.**
- 4. Recommendation to withdraw township from renaissance zone:** Everett – would like to look at cost of withdrawing from 30 year ren zone agreement. Not comfortable with this out there. Geib – understand this was a single deal with Gotion. Saez – need to be cautious due to CFIUS, and whether or not State would grant another Ren Zone. Stanek – move to next month? Everett – we can do that.
- 5. Request to consider adding ordinances:** Discussion on last months meeting/noise complaint with UPS. Met with Brian Miller. Would like to have Eric work on wording to have ready for July. Geib would like information presented before approval. Saez – junk ordinance update with planning commission? Stanek – update for July. Will have Miller and Williams here to present information.
- 6. Other:**

Additions:

- 1. Safe Streets/Roads for all:** Saez – would like board direction/approval for application to this grant for sidewalk out front. Sinkhole update by entrance update, State is looking into it. **Routley – I motion for Hannah to apply to any grant she wants to. Geib supports. Motion passes unanimously.**
- 2. Census Discussion: Stanek** – the City got census changed/didn't have to fight for it. Census bureau gave it to them and increased. Have Eric pursue? Geib/Routley – yes, if worth investment, add to list of things for Eric to inquire on.
- 3. Highbanks Park:** **1.** Complaint calls on bathrooms – aware and trying to stay ahead of. Don't have city personnel or budget to constantly maintain. **2.** Need to discuss hiring part time person for position after this season – current employee graduates.
- 3. Saez** – I move that we have Routley's empty the septic/inspect upon doing so. Routley – will donate the work to do so. Saez – not necessary but very much appreciated. **4.** Times on Sign – changing times on sign from 8am-dusk, as dusk changes

throughout season and people are using park more. Tubbs to change sign. **5.** Grant discussion – opportunity to go in and make edits to grant for another selection. Hoping to still receive for more upgrades to park such as sidewalks etc. **6.** Throw rings – Saez to order 2 throw rings to have posted near river for safety.

Financial

- 1. Payroll: A motion was made by Geib to approve of Payroll for May in the amount of \$40,093.71. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Geib to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$200,231.16. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Deb Dygert - would just like to support Mr. Everett's concern on ren center in Gotion - major concern, lots of red flags and misinformation. Would like you to know public is very concerned about that.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 pm.

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