

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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: Saez, Bean, Everett, Geib, Routley present. Stanek, Currie absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Carman's Trustee Resignation** – A motion was made by Geib to approve of Carman's Trustee Resignation. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Clerk Saez swore in Carman Bean as Supervisor, along with Deputy Supervisor Bruce Borkovich.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON 2024 BUDGET:** 7:01pm opened. 7:01pm closed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** ARC Letter from Jerry that he emailed us prior

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **October 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes:**
2. **October 10, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes:**
3. **October Financial Report:**
4. **July Treasurer Report:**
5. **August Treasurer Report:**
6. **September Treasurer Report:**
7. **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. **Supervisor's Report:**

A motion to approve of the consent agenda was made by Geib and supported by Routley. Motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Cemetery Entrance Update:** Noted that the new arch has been installed, and final steps to complete the project are underway.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Fire Department Request:** A motion was made by Routley to approve of the Fire Department's request to order the Thermal camera gear with the FD Grant for \$9,999.00 from Dinges Fire. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **2023 Budget Adjustments:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the 2023 Budget Adjustments. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Going forward, Bean would like "Surplus" accounts.
3. **Delinquent Sewer Bills/ Ives Drain Special Assessment:** A motion was made by Geib to move the delinquent sewer bills to be put on the tax roll, and to include the Ives drain special assessment. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Discussion on Cemetery Plot for former employee:** Discussion on prior discussion of awarding plot to past employee of 25+ years. To be determined if we are legally able to do so.
5. **Planning Commission Vacancy:** Jerry Everett to step in for Carman in the meantime, as Carman cannot be on Planning Commission as Supervisor.

**Financial**

1. **Payroll:** A motion to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$36,747.08 was made by Saez. Supported by Routley. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$105,520.76 was made by Saez. Supported by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Currie** – Economic Growth – asked previous Supervisors to get sewer and water past the highway, people interested in building commercial there. Might cost a lot of money but would develop quickly.

**Bill Schoenlein** – presents written comment to board. Property owner in the City across the river from development of ARC, formally asks board to cancel hearing until a site plan is available for all to review.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:46pm**

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