

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2024
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: Bean, Saez, Marek, Teceno, Everett, Geib, Bechaz present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ryan Pranger – in lieu of Perry Douglas' resignation will there be an opening? Bean – yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Planning Commission Letters of Interest – Barbara Peacock letter of interest, in attendance. Bechaz asked why interested, she responded that she is not ready to take a board position but this may be a way to get started. Everett moved to appoint Barbara to the Planning Commission, supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.

**Mecosta County Traffic Control Order
EGLE Application**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **July 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**
2. **July 10, 2024 Election Commission Minutes:**
3. **July Financial Report:**
4. **Sheriff's Report:**
5. **Building Department Report:**
5. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
6. **Fire Department Report:**
7. **Sewer Department Report:** Saez called Consumers; they reported no outages. Let NWKent know, it may be an alarm failure, and gave them authority to discuss with Consumers if necessary.
8. **Water Department Report:**
9. **Northland Drive Corridor Committee Minutes:** Bechaz volunteered to join committee. Bean to contact and get on list/information.
10. **Supervisor Updates:**
A motion to approve of the consent agenda was made by Saez. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Sidewalk Revision/Bid Packet:** No bids yet, Bechaz to work on contacts in that department.
2. **Electric Gate for Highbanks: Additional Quote:** Discussion on removing the gate, replacing it, or choosing less expensive option.
3. **Woodward/OFowler Property violation update:** Court document briefly discussed.
4. **Other:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Committee Meeting Scheduling:** Fire Meeting – set for 8/19 at 7pm, Cemetery & Park – set for 8/20 at 4:30pm
2. **Fire Department Retirement Announcement:** Discussion with FD on what we would like to do for Perry, added to Fire Committee meeting for discussion
3. **Fire Department Roster Request:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Joseph Lee joining the Fire Department. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Fire Department Complaint:** Hostile work environment complaint submitted to Bean. Submitted originally to Lieutenant Wyma, who sent to Chief Tubbs, Tubbs did not respond. Bean to call a special meeting with a closed session to discuss hostile work environment complaint dependent on when Eric Williams is able to attend.
5. **BS&A Payment processing update/Administrative Change Request:** Marek demonstrated how new credit card processing system will work through website. Everett motioned to approve of the BS&A Admin rights to be updated. Bechaz supported. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **River Bend Bluff Garbage request/update:** Saez contacted DNR – they said they are in the process of getting a trash receptacle put in at that location. Contacted resident to update them.
7. **Mecosta County Conservation District Hall Use request:** A motion was made by Geib to approve of the MCDC request to use the hall at no cost for a Mushroom workshop. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously.
8. **Other:** Bean to look into permits that were issued regarding Corewell and the recent collapse of an overhead awning.

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made to approve of payroll by Teceno in the amount of \$43,730.24. Supported by Marek. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$264,511.36. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Geib to adjourn at 7:58, supported by Bechaz.

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