

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024
BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL
14230 NORTHLAND DRIVE, BIG RAPIDS MI 49307
4:00PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 4:00pm ROLL CALL: Bean, Saez, Marek, Teceno, Everett, Geib, Bechaz present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

This Special meeting was called by Marek and Saez to discuss the following with Attorney Eric Williams:

Items of Business:

1. Township/City Fire Department Mutual Protection Contract Discussion

A discussion was held with Attorney Eric Williams with some board members sharing concerns or matters that may need attention. A request was made for Eric to review and share a revised contract in the upcoming weeks. A motion was made by Geib to allow Bean to see if the City will allow a 90-day extension of the current contract with the city, so that the new board will have time to get up to speed and not have to vote at their first meeting. Supported by Marek. Motion passed unanimously.
This would extend the current operational contract through 2/2.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sean Wethington – Thank you for the questions, myself as a BRT taxpayer. We have never had the opportunity to run as a joint FD. This would be the opportunity for discovery. I live on 14 Mile, so I could come here quicker to grab a truck and this would allow us to fact find. 1.5 Mills gets you 24-hour service. IFC gives the FD authority to enforce codes. Oakwood/UPS had a major issue and all students had no fire protection so adopting that code would help. Equipment costs are extremely high but will be better utilized. Asked if the board would consider doing a joint meeting with the City to get some of the questions answered.
Krysti Kidder – City wants a decision made; nervous they will say they are doing the Township a favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:25pm

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