

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, March 4, 2025
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: Borkovich, Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Saez, Teceno, Welch, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: April Meeting Date Change
Board of Review member Addition**

CORRESPONDENCE: Meals on Wheels Mecosta County:

Mecosta Conservation District Hazardous Waste Disposal: A motion was made by Teceno to contract with the Conservation District in the amount of \$4,000 for the hazardous waste disposal. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. February 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**
- 2. December and January Financial Report:**
- 3. Sheriff's Report:**
- 4. Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
- 5. Sewer Department Report:**
- 6. Water Department Report:**
- 7. Planning Commission Minutes:**
- 8. Building Department Report:**
- 9. Supervisor Report:**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Drain Commissioner Presentation:** Presentation to be linked to website. Webinar on 4/30/25 at 6pm, direct questions to drain@mecostacounty.org
- 2. Big Rapids City Airport Runway Extension:** A motion was made by Teceno to allow J&M Construction to use Township water for their project. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 3. 2025 Fireworks:** A motion was made by Saez to contract for 2025 Fireworks in the amount of \$5,000. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 4. Road Upgrades for 2025:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of the 2025 Roads Contracts in the amount of \$475,000 with approximately \$175,000 from the general fund. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. A second motion was made by Marek to approve of getting quotes for lighting at intersections as noted in the roads committee minutes. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed.
- 5. Assessor Contract Renewal:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of the Assessor Contract Renewal with a 2.3% COL increase. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6. Pancake Meet & Greet/Fall Clean up date setting:** Pancake Meet & Greet put on by the Board will be on Saturday, June 7th, from 9-11am. Fall clean up will be Saturday, September 20th, from 9am-noon.
- 7. April Meeting Date Change:** Due to MTA annual conference dates this year, the April board meeting date will be moved to Wednesday, April 9th at 7pm.
- 8. Board of Review Addition:** A motion was made by Marek to appoint Laurie Daniels to the Board of Review. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Industrial Park Intent:** Potential Special Meeting to discuss intent/Supervisor findings.
- 2. Wind, Solar, Storage Ordinances:** Update from Supervisor – moving forward with Ordinances. In hands of attorney.
- 3. MCDC Membership Contribution:** A motion was made by Bechaz to not participate with the MCDC at this time. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Building/Zoning Admin Position/Wage:** Postponed.
- 5. Building Inspector Position/Wage:** Postponed.
- 6. Park Updates/ Committee Meeting:** Discussed updates; to hold a committee meeting.
- 7. Other:**

Financial

- 1. Payroll:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$26,496.64. Supported by Teceno. 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 \$143,349.04. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Vodry – If looking into additional ball field at Highbanks, look into extra parking.
Brook Baumann – Asked about tree removal at park; noted they have a Forrester on staff.

ADJOURNMENT:8:37pm

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