

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2025
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Borkovich, Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Saez, Teceno, Welch, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jason Kruse – Green Township is submitting a CFIUS request for review, asked for support from BRT. A motion was made by Bechaz to support Green Township in moving forward with their CFIUS request. Support given by Marek. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mark Ducat (Northwest Kent) – Gilbert power supply line from consumers failed, generator maintenance showed it was 6 parts low on oil. Borkovich to contact Wolverine to inquire about the maintenance schedule.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: MCDL parcel transfers, authorizing \$2,500 for title search/transfer
Update from Bill Routley on County – report read by Borkovich
Proposal/Negotiations on Industrial Park property

CORRESPONDENCE: Mecosta Conservation District Hall use request: A motion was made by Marek to allow the Conservation District to have a 3rd class at no cost. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Highbanks Park:

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**
- 2. First Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report:**
- 3. February Financial Report:**
- 4. Cash Summary by Bank Report:**
- 5. Sheriff's Report:**
- 6. Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
- 7. Sewer Department Report:**
- 8. Water Department Report:**
- 9. Planning Commission Minutes:**
- 10. Building Department Report:**
- 11. Supervisor Report:**

A motion was made by Saez to approve of the consent agenda as printed. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Industrial Park Marketing and Sale:** A motion was made by Marek to use a Realtor for the marketing and sale of 35 acres with preference going to Township Realtors by experience as part of their bid. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 2. Wind, Solar, Storage Ordinances:** Update in Supervisor Report – will be discussed at May meeting.
- 3. Building/Zoning Admin Discussion:** A motion was made by Marek to post the Zoning Administrator position with a salary range of \$18,720-\$26,520 on a yearly contract basis pursuant to experience.

A motion was made by Saez to hire a 3rd part time Clerical, not to exceed 36-40 hours a week between the 3 for office coverage, and to give them a \$1/hour raise. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. Assessor Contract Updated Parcel Count: A motion was made by Bechaz to approve of the Assessor Contract update in the amount of \$37,794.32. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5. Other:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2025 Fireworks Pyrotechnico Permit: A motion was made by Saez to approve of the 2025 Application for Fireworks. Supported by Marek. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. Resolution 2025-05 Bank Depositories Update: A motion was made by Saez to approve of Resolution 2025-05, adding Michigan Class as a depository. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Fall Clean up vendor update: A motion was made by Marek to use Sam's Disposal for the 2025 Fall Clean up. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

4. New quotes for Lift Station cleanings/Jetting: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of using Northwest Kent for all items as proposed for sewer maintenance for all 10 lift stations. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

5. 2025 Road Brining: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of 3 dust control applications. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

6. Tree Cutting Quotes for Highland View & Van Guilder Cemeteries: A motion was made by Bechaz to accept Cook's Tree Service quote in the amount of \$4,800. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Bechaz to approve of Cook's Tree Service quote for Van Guilder for \$4,500. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

7. Gator Replacement: A motion was made by Marek to approve of a utility vehicle purchase as proposed for a gator. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

8. MCDC Allotment: A motion was made by Teceno to approve up to \$2,500 for any fees going forward on a title search for the two MCDC parcel transfers to the industrial park. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

9. Proposal/Negotiations on Industrial Park property: A motion was made by Bechaz to go into closed session for contract negotiation discussion. Supported by Teceno. 8:30pm adjourned to closed session.

8:40pm opened closed session.

9:10pm closed session adjourned.

9:12pm resumed open session for regular meeting.

A motion was made by Borkovich to allow J&M construction to improve the road as specified with crushed asphalt in the industrial park of 18 mile, in addition to charging J&M construction \$5 a yard for removal of existing sand and authorizing the supervisor to negotiate that amount no lower than \$3 a yard. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Financial

1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll for March. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

2. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Accounts Payables for March. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brian Miller - Here to attend in free time. Saez – was there an incident at the county recently to increase security? Miller – No, just increasing security.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:19pm

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