

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE: EGLE: Roben Hood Airport Permit

Tonkin Drain – Notice of Review of Drainage District – Reminder of the meeting on Tuesday May 13, from 9-5 at the County Services Building in Room F.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **April 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**
2. **April 9, 2025 Election Commission Minutes:**
3. **April 23, Special Meeting Minutes:**
4. **March Financial 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 to approve of the condensed agenda was made by Saez and supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Industrial Park Realtor Bids:** A motion was made by Bechaz to set a Realtor Bid Deadline 2 weeks from today. (5/21/25). Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **MCDC Property Transfer Update:** A motion was made by Saez to incorporate both MCDC properties into the Industrial Park. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.
An additional motion was made by Saez to allow Borkovich to contact the Amish to deconstruct the Silo on one of the properties. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Pancake Meet & Greet Signup Sheet:**
4. **Tonkin Drain Resolution 2025-09:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of Resolution 2025-09, Resolution approving Disclosure undertaking for the Tonkin Drain Drainage District 2025 Drain Bonds. Supported by Marek. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **Other:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **FSU Police Officer Recognition:** Presented to Officer Herrera for his outstanding work in keeping Big Rapids Township Safe by conducting a remarkable number of drunk driving arrests in the past year.
2. **Supervisor Power/Duties Discussion:**
3. **Energy Storage, Ordinance Amendment 2025-06:** A motion was made by Everett to approve of Resolution 2025-06, Energy Storage, and supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Solar Energy, Ordinance Amendment 2025-07:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Resolution 2025-07, Solar Energy, and supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **Wind Energy, Ordinance Amendment 2025-08:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Resolution 2025-08, Wind Energy, and supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. **Electric Gate for Highbanks:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of the Electric Gate Quote from Cedar Springs Fence for no more than \$9,000. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
7. **Emergency lock for Office:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of up to \$4,500 for the installation of an emergency lock. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
8. **MUM Insurance Renewal:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the MUM Insurance Renewal in the amount of \$15,914. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
9. **Building Department Rent Discussion:** Tabled.
10. **Handbook Updates:** A motion was made by Bechaz to approve of the updated Handbook. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
11. **Health Insurance Renewal:** Tabled.
12. **Other:** A Special Meeting was set for May 22, at 6pm, to discuss Health Insurance, and a Plumbing/Mechanical Inspector.

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$29,051.81. Supported by Bechaz. 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 \$132,445.22. Supported of Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:42pm

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