

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 5, 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: Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Saez, Teceno, Welch, present. Borkovich absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

SPECIAL APPEARANCE:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **July 1, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
2. **June Financial Report:**
3. **Sheriff's Report:**
4. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
5. **Sewer Department Report:**
6. **Water Department Report:**
7. **Building Department Report:**
8. **Board Of Review Minutes:**
9. **Supervisor Report:**

A motion was made by Everett to approve of the Consent Agenda. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **MCDC Property Tax Exemption Application:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the Tax Exemption Application for the MCDC Parcels donated and incorporated with the Industrial Park. Supported by Everett. Motion passed.
2. **Other:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of Investigation of Mackinac Technology Company:** A motion was made by Bechaz to allow Borkovich to further investigate the Mackinac Technology Company. Supported by Welch. Motion passed.
2. **Fall Clean up Volunteers:** Saez requested Trustees help/volunteers for the Fall Clean Up on September 20th, 2025 at the Industrial Park from 8:30-12.
3. **Opt-Out for Designated Assessor:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of the Interlocal Agreement – Opt out for a Designated Assessor. Supported by Marek. Motion passed.
4. **Attendance to quarterly Mecosta County Township Association Meetings:** Marek spoke about having better attendance from all Townships at the Township Association meetings. The next meeting will be in October. Saez to request Calendar from new Chair and have it added to website Calendar.

Financial

1. **Payroll (June and July):** A motion was made by Marek to approve Payroll in the amount of \$34,633.68. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Marek to approve Accounts Payables in the amount of \$397,817.29. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously. Marek noted that around \$300,000 of that was the first half payment of the Tonkin Drain Assessment for the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. & Mrs. Deal – Questions and statements on Tonkin Drain. Bill Routley answered what he could, wrote down questions to present to Karla Miller. Marek voiced frustration due to errors in apportionment, failure to maintain an appropriate fund balance, failure to ask/secure a bond with the county at a much lower interest rate, failing to begin informing those in the drain district years ago so that they could allocate funds, failure to update those in district in early 2023 of the project cost estimate of 6 million.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm

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