

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 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, Teceno, Welch, present. Saez, absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Reminder of Fall Clean up on 9/20/25 at the Industrial Park, from 8am-12pm. Borkovich – update on Mackinac Technology Group – just doing our Due Diligence, not an investigation.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

SPECIAL APPEARANCE:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **August 5, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
2. **July Financial Report:**
3. **Sheriff's Report:**
4. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:** The Grounds Manager is partaking in a 3 part cemetery management class from MTA, some questions remain regarding transfer of ownership on plots.
5. **Sewer Department Report:**
6. **Water Department Report:**
7. **Building Department Report:**
8. **Supervisor Report:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Highbanks Gate Update:** Gate will be operational on Thursday. Teceno asked how to enforce hours if people can get out of the park. Reviewing ordinance to update prohibited activity and the ability to enforce. Central dispatch will have the code for fire/rescue to the gate in the event of an emergency.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Permit Price/Inspection Fee Recommended Changes:** Still looking for a plumbing/mechanical inspector. Everett moved to accept all fees as suggested. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **City's Airport Request:** FAA tree removal, the City would like permission to cut some trees. Everett moved to allow the City to cut down trees within the discussed restrictions. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Cemetery Ordinance Recommendations to PC:** The board received a prohibited conduct handout from Borkovich and would like Boards thoughts by the October meeting. Carman Bean suggested looking into Green burials, and Bechaz asked how many plots are left. Discussion on updating the Cemetery agreement with the City.
4. **Budget Amendments:** Everett motioned to approve budget amendments as presented. Teceno supported. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **County Request to use Hall for Early Voting:** A motion was made by Marek to support the County using the Hall for Early Voting at no cost. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$30,765.55. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Accounts Payable:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$148,869.60. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: 8pm

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