

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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, Welch present. Teceno absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ormand Hook – thanked the board for the due diligence with Mackinac Technology, prior officials demonstrated gross negligence. Requests we don't close the report, keep it open and never ending with transparency.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Mechanical Inspector Update from Borkovich: Retaining Building, Electrical, and Plumbing. Mechanical has been handed over to the State. Thought we had found someone, new requirements for Mechanical Inspectors have made it difficult, require things like years of work in fire suppression etc.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
2. **October 15, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes:**
3. **October 23, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes:**
4. **October 27, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes:**
5. **September Financial Report:**
6. **Sheriff's Report:**
7. **Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
8. **Sewer Department Report:**
9. **Water Department Report:**
10. **Planning Commission Minutes:**
11. **Building Department Report:**
12. **Supervisor Report:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Due Diligence/Mack Tech Group** – presented to board.
2. **Gilbert Back up Pump:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of the Gilbert LS backup pump in the amount of \$28,826.00. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. Saez to ask NWKent about "retrofitting" lift stations.
3. **Short/Long Term Disability:** Brief discussion, postponed to discuss along with Health benefits at a special meeting after new year.
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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 150.022 Draft:** A motion was made by Bechaz to eliminate data centers in the draft Ordinance. Supported by Marek. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Special Assessments Winter Tax Roll:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of the Winter Tax Roll Special Assessments. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Part-time Raise:** A motion was made by Saez to approve of a \$1 part time raise to a part time employee. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Updates:** Brief discussion.
5. **2025 Road Improvements:** Saez explained chart.
6. **Schebil as alternate, Pat Currie, BOR member:** A motion was made by Bechaz to appoint Pat Currie to the Board of Review, and making Lennie Schebil an alternate. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **Other:**

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$30,407.66. 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 in the amount of \$326,571.01. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Schriver: Asked board if they've heard of the Steelcase pyramid; data center that made so much heat they needed a cooling center. Supports eliminating section in Draft Ordinance until proven to be more efficient, can always add items back in. Borkovich – update on requested Industrial Park Covenant, looked into and is not legal to do so.

ADJOURNMENT:8:04pm

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