

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - JANUARY 3, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. McClelland, Douglass, Dean and Smith were present- Kailing absent.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Smith.

Kailing arrived.

Allen Bacon of Consumer's Po. Co. was present to observe and Norman Stricker, a new township resident was present to volunteer his services as a member of the township zoning or planning board.

Marc Bruno, township liquor law enforcement officer presented the board with a report and asked if the board wished him to be more stringent in enforcing violations. Following discussion the consensus of the board was that the law should be enforced. In conjunction with this matter, McClelland reported that she had discussed law enforcement in the township with County sheriff Hank Wayer. Law enforcement is one of the criteria of a charter township. They had talked about the township contracting with the county for additional coverage for a fee with the township contributing towards an additional police car and personell. Another possibility is for the township to hire its own law enforcement officer. McClelland will further investigate options.

Fire Chief Bill Torry reported two fire calls for the month of December: a bomb threat at Payless Shoe Store and a burning wire on a n electrical pole. He reported that the fire department needs to purchase all new helmets in order to meet NFPA 1500 standards for helmets with skull caps. Dean moved that the board approve the purchase of these helmets at a cost not to exceed \$75.00 each. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported that she had been in contact with the city regarding the transfer ownership of Highbanks Park from the city to the township and that the transfer probably will not take place until the end of February. McClelland said that she hopes to have committee organized by then.

McClelland reported that the Big Rapids Township Board's resolution of intent to charter was published in the Pioneer on the 14th and 21st of December and suggested that the board hold a special meeting on February 14th at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of passing a resolution to charter. This would bring us into compliance with 1976 PA 90 which states that a resolution to incorporate should be adopted within 60 days after the adoption of a resolution of intent to incorporate. Kailing moved that the board call for a special meeting to be held at the Big Rapids Township Hall on February 14, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of adopting a resolution of incorporation. Douglass supported the motion and it carried.

McClelland reported that new state law abolishes the Annual Meeting unless the township board adopt a resolution to hold the Annual Meeting. Citing the extremely poor attendance at the past several annual meetings the board decided not to hold one.

Douglass moved that the board call a Public Budget Hearing special meeting on March 30, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. Dean supported the motion and it carried.

McClelland asked the board to approve payment of registration fee and expenses for her to attend a Mobile Home Seminar on Feb. 8 at the Kellogg Center. Smith so moved and Dean supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported that a board of review seminar is to be held in Grand Rapids and that also Mecosta Co. will have a board of review school. She asked the board to approve payment of registration fees and wages for any or all board of review members willing to attend one or both of these schools. Douglass moved and Kailing supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland asked for board approval for bd. of review appointees Webb Darnell and David Robison. These appointments are for two years. McClelland is still seeking a third appointee. Douglass moved and Kailing supported. The motion carried on roll call vote.

Douglass moved the board approve payment of gen. fund bills with checks #6296 thru #6335 for a total of \$ 7,201.14 and sewer fund bills with checks #359 thru #364 for a total of \$ 546.19.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kailing supp. by Douglass.

Virginia Smith

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - FEBRUARY 7, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All board members were present.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Kailing.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Smith.

Management from the "Winters's Creek Club" was present to request board approval for a one day entertainment dressing room permit for March 10, 1989. They wish to hold a "best tan" contest. Following discussion the concensus of the board was to take no action.

Chief Torry reported four fire runs in the month of January, a chimney fire, participation in the river rescue, a vehicle incident and a building fire. Two training meetings were held. Torry asked the board to approve the addition of three new members to the volunteer firemen roster. They are Brian Bauman, Dick Clark, and Kyle Luce. He noted that Brian Bauman lives approximatley  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile outside of the township line. Smith moved that the board approve the addition of these men to the roster contingent upon their completion of Fire Training I classes. Douglass supported the motion and it carried. Torry told the board that a class in bombs will be held by the ATF and that also he and Assistant Chief Richardson will be attending a seminar on ACT 207 and NFPA 1500.

McClelland asked that the special meeting of Feb 14th be changed from 8:00 p.m. to 12 noon. Smith moved, Dean supported and the motion carried.

McClelland and Smith read various correspondence.

McClelland recapped problems that occured with the K-Mart sewer lift station the week of Jan. 24th. She suggested that the extra pump should be checked over and the board should be considering an alternative power source. The board agreed that these matters should be taken into consideration when preparing the sewer budget for the next fiscal year. She asked that the board approve paying David Robison for taking care of the sewer problems during her absence. A motion to approve paying Robison \$25.00 for the first

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call and \$10.00 each for three additional checks was made by Smith supported by Dean. It carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith moved that the board approve retaining Merskin and Merskin to do the township audit. Dean supported and the motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The Mecost Co. Road Commission has requested a list of maintenance projects for the summer of 1989. The township road committee will do a survey and have a list ready for the April meeting.

Smith told the board that Terry Kunst representing Burnham and Flowers has asked for time at the April board meeting to present a proposal for insurance coverage.

Smith presented a budget report.

A motion to approve payment of General fund bills with checks # 6336 thru #6377 and sewer fund bills with checks #365 thru #370 was made by Kailing supported by Douglass and carried unanimously on roll call vote. Gen.Fd bills totaled \$9,677.27 and sewer fund bills totaled \$6,698.99.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kailing supported by Douglass.

Vision Smith  
Clerk  
Maurice McClelland  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 14, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. McClelland, Kailing, Dean and Smith were present, Douglass absent.

The reading of the minutes of the February 7, 1989 meeting was waived.

Smith reported to the board that no petition of disagreement to the resolution of intent to charter was filed within the 60 day time period between the passage of the resolution of intent until present time. Therefore the following preamble and resolution were offered by Smith and supported by Kailing.

RESOLUTION INCORPORATING AS THE  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS

WHEREAS, the Big Rapids Township Board on December 6, 1988, by motion duly made, second and passed, adopted the resolution of Intent to Incorporate Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, Michigan, as the Charter Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan, under 1947 PA 359, as amended; and

WHEREAS, notice of adoption of said Resolution was published in the Pioneer, a newspaper of general circulation in Big Rapids Township, on December 14th 1988 and again on December 21, 1988, and considerable publicity has been given this matter; and

WHEREAS, more than sixty (60) days has elapsed since adoption of said Resolution and no Petition of Disagreement to the Intent of Incorporate as a Charter Township has been filed as in said Act provided;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan, being qualified, having completed all necessary action preliminary thereto hereby does INCORPORATE AS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF Big Rapids, MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, a municipal corporation pursuant to 1947 PA 359, as amended, which Act shall constitute the charter of this charter township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, shall, as provided by law, succeed to and be vested with all of the property, real and personal, money, rights, credits and causes of action belonging to Big Rapids Township as it formerly existed, and all debts and liabilities of Big Rapids Township and all taxes and assessments levied and uncollected as of the date of this Resolution of Incorporation shall stand until discharged or collected.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to file certified copies of this resolution with the Secretary of State for the State of Michigan, and with the Clerk for Mecosta County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect as of this date.

AYES: 4

NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 1

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED THIS 14th day of February, 1989.

Vivian Smith

Vivian Smith, Clerk

Charter Township of Big Rapids

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan, at a Special Meeting held on February 14th, 1989.

Vivian Smith

Vivian Smith, Clerk

Charter Township of Big Rapids

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean supported by Smith. The motion carried.

Vivian Smith

Clerk

Wayne McClelland

Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 7, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. McClelland, Douglass, Dean and Smith were present, Kailing was absent.

Kailing arrived.

The minutes of the February 7th regular meeting and the February 14th special meeting were read by Smith and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read by Dean and approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

McClelland reported two zoning board meetings. The first an informal informational meeting, the second for two requests for special use permits. The first request was for a permit to build small two wheel trailers at a residence, and the second to build a dog kennel. Both requests were granted.

Bill Torry reported there were no fires and no fire training meetings in the month of February. The reason there were no training meetings was because a number of our firefighters are involved in the Fire Training classes, either teaching or participating. Torry also notified the board that Dick Clark, a new recruit has left the department because of personal obligations. Torry asked board approval to add Dayton Blake, a licensed E.M.S. to the fire department roster. Douglass moved that the board approve the addition of Dayton Blake to the fire department roster contingent upon his completion of Fire Training I classes. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. Torry asked the board for approval to install remote control garage door openers for the front fire barn doors. The board asked him to get current cost estimates for the board to consider. Torry presented a proposal from Thomas Fire Service for an in station service inspection of 11-1 and 11-2 at a cost of \$550.00 per pumper. Douglass moved that the board approve contracting with Thomas Fire Service for in station service inspection of pumbers 11-1 and 11-2 at a cost of \$550.00 per pumper. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported no new problems with the sewer system.

The board discussed a service contract for the Monroe Copier. Douglass moved that the board authorize the Supervisor and

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Clerk to be contracting agents for a service agreement.

A student from the School of Optometry has asked to reserve Highbanks Park on May 17th from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Since ownership of the park is still in the transitional stage the township cannot make a commitment.

Following board discussion, Dean moved that the board approve the attendance of interested board members at the Governor's Conference on Water in Michigan: Into the Next Century, to be held on March 23-24th at the Kellogg Center, East Lansing. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The board discussed the need for a sign and flagpole in front of the township hall and a sign for Highbanks Park.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks #6378 thru #6410 for a total of \$6,768.04 and Sewer fund bills with checks #371 for a total of \$94.91. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Following board discussion, Douglass moved that the supervisor and clerk obtain information pursuant to the board contracting for health insurance for board members wishing to participate. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith presented the board with a proposed budget for April 1, 1989 thru Dec. 31, 1989. Now that Big Rapids Twp. is a charter township the fiscal year will be from January 1st thru December 31st. The board went over the budget and made necessary changes. Douglass moved that the board recommend that the proposed work budget be presented at the budget hearing to be held at a special meeting on March 30, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean supported by Smith. The motion carried.

  
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Clerk  
  
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Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 30, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the public budget hearing to order at 8:00 p.m. All board members were present.

The proposed budgets for all township funds were reviewed.

The public budget hearing adjourned on a motion by Dean supported by Smith.

A special meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board convened at 8:30 p.m. All board members were present.

Duglass moved that the board approve the adoption of the proposed budgets for all funds as presented. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith moved that the board amend general fund street lights activity \$50.00 and increase the advance from fund balance \$50.00. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dean moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with Checks #6411 thru #6450 for a total of \$20,950.53 and sewer fund bills with checks #372 thru #376 for a total of \$521.14. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kailing supported by Smith.  
The motion carried.

Theresa Smith  
Clerk

Wayne McClelland  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 4, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. All board members were present.

Terry Kunst representing Burnham & Flowers Insurance Agency presented the board with an insurance proposal for building, property and liability coverage.

Supervisor McClelland called the regular meeting to order at 8:15 p.m.

Clerk Smith read the minutes of the March 7th regular meeting and the March 30th budget hearing and special meeting. These minutes were approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The March treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

Mr. Bob Wallace was present to discuss with the board the water and drainage problems he has had on his property this spring. Mr. Wallace's home lies between the expressway and a tributary of Mitchell Creek on the north side of 17 Mile Rd., east of the expressway. He feels that because of the inadequate size of the culvert at the one lane bridge near his home water backs up onto his property and causes flooding and water in his basement. He suggests that either a new larger culvert be installed or else two 30" culverts be installed on either side of the existing culvert. He maintains that this drainage problem was caused by MDOT by their routing of water drains in the construction of the expressway. Following discussion, he and the board agreed to meet with the Mecosta Co. Rd. Com. on April 11th at 3:00 p.m. to try to find a solution to this problem. He also informed the board that the Big Rapids City Sewer Dept. is hauling tanker trucks of sludge out 17 Mile Rd. and drilling it into the fields. McClelland said that she would contact the road com. and sewer dept. to see if this is being properly.

A representative from Winter's Creek Saloon was present to request the board's approval for a one day dressing room permit for April 30th 2 P.M. til 5:30 p.m. They wish to present a bridal show. Douglass moved that the board recommend the issuance of this permit. Dean supported the motion and it carried.

Douglass reported that he had driven the township roads. After discussion the consensus of the board was to direct limited township road funds toward a graveling and dust

control program. A letter stating this shall be sent to the Co. Rd. Com.

Fire Chief Torry reported 5 fire runs in the month of March. Also an election of officers was held. The captains are Robert Miller, Ernest Osburn and Randy Bell. The officers of the Big Rapids Township Volunteer Firemen's Association are; Dan Oleson- president, Ernest Osburn-Treasurer, Robert Walworth-Secretary. Torry asked board approval to purchase Nomax hoods for cost of \$400.00 and a hose washed at a cost of approximately \$300.00. Dean so moved and Douglass supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith moved that the board appoint Billy Torry to the position of Fire Chief and Rex Richardson to the position of Assisstant Fire Chief for the time period of April 1, 1989 thru December 31, 1989. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that all salaries be set at the rate as the previous year with the exception of the fire chief and assistant fire chief. The following figures reflect these salaries adjusted to a nine month time period. Because the township is now a charter township the fiscal year will end December 31, 1989. The salaries are as follows:  
Supervisor-\$3,000.00, Assessor-\$9,750.00, Supervisor Summer Tax Collection-\$100.00, Zoning Administrator-\$3,750.00 and \$20.00 per meeting and an amount equal to zoning fees, Supervisor Sewer salary \$525.00 and \$25.00 for first hour/trouble call and \$10.00/hour for each additional hour, Clerk-\$6,750.00, Clerk Summer Tax Collection-\$100.00, Clerk Sewer Salary-\$225.00, Treasurer-\$4,500.00, Treasurer Summer Tax Collection-\$1,500.00, Treasurer Sewer Salary-\$525.00, Trustees-\$720.00, Board of Review-\$5.00/hour, Election Workers-\$5.00/hour. The fire chief salary is set at \$200.00 per month and the assistant fire chief salary is \$150.00/month. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith moved that the disignated depositories for April 1, 1989 thru December 31, 1989 be Old Kent Bank, Chemical Bank, Reed City F.M.B., and First of Michigan. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith notified the board that she had received a letter from the Green Thumb Program asking if the township would be willing to provide workers compensation for the Green Thumb enrollee working for the township. The concensus of the board was not to do this.

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McClelland reported on zoning matters.

Following board discussion, Dean moved that the board authorize Supervisor McClelland to sign an agreement with the City of Big Rapids accepting transfer of ownership of High-banks Park to the Township providing there are no restrictions attached. Douglass supported the motion. On roll call vote; Kailing-no, Douglass-yes, McClelland-yes, Dean-yes, Smith-yes. The motion carried.

McClelland reported on solid waste news.

McClelland reported no new problems with the sewer but addressed the possibility of working out a contract with the city to provide for sewer maintenance.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks #6451 thru #6459 for a total of \$1,731.35. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean, supported by Smith. The motion carried.

Hiram Smith  
Clerk  
Myra McClelland  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MAY 2, 1989

HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All board members were present.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

Bob Gandalphi representing the Michigan Township Participating Plan, reviewed the townships liability, property and equipment insurance and noted one major change in the renewal policy. He increased the level of coverage on the fire trucks and equipment from \$392,000.00 to \$468,000.00. This increased coverage was provided with no premium increase. The premium for year 5-8-89 thru 5-8-90 is \$6117.00. \$562.00 of this amount is to be charged against the sewer fund. Smith moved that the board approve the renewal with changes of the townships present policy with the Township Participating Plan. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dean read her treasurer's report. It was approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

Fire Chief Torry reported three fire runs in the month of May and one fire inspection at K-Mart. Torry asked board approval to purchase a Rosco Smoke Machine at a cost of \$660.00 and ten (10) Personal Alert Safety Systems (PASS) at a cost of \$120.00 each for total expenditure of \$1,200.00. A motion to approve these purchases was made by Douglass supported by Dean and carried unanimously on roll call vote. Torry reported a donation of \$200.00 by Golfview Subdivision to the Mecosta County Fire Training Association.

On May 18th a "Bomb Search Investigation School" will be conducted at the Big Rapids Charter Twp. Hall and on May 15th a DNR Wild Land Fire Investigation training will be held here. On May 23 thru 25, Billy Torry, Rex Richardson, Randy Bell and possibly Ken Clark will be attending the Michigan State Arson School.

Douglass moved to set the meeting dates for the time period of April 1, 1989 thru December 31, 1989 as follows: May 2, June 6, July 5, August 3, August 31, October 3, November 1, December 5, and January 2. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved to amend the general fund budget, parks and recreation activity by establishing the following line items and amounts; office supplies-\$50.00 and public utilities \$200.00, and to increase the amount of the advance from fund balance by \$250.00. Smith supported the motion and

it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Ed Burch, Mecosta Co. Rd. Engineer was present to discuss road projects in the township for this year. Following discussion these projects will be submitted to the Mecosta Co. Road Commission Board for consideration.

1. one or two (one on either side) ketch basins on Golfview Dr. in the low spots where the flooding occurred this year. Cost to be determined but somewhere around \$700.00 each.
2. insert (2)24" culverts on 17 Mile at the Mitchell Creek crossing.
3. gravel application in preparation for calcium chloride application on the following roads: (1,000yds./mile)
  - a. 15 Mile Rd. between Mill Pond Rd. and M-20,
  - b. 14 Mile Rd. from 205th Ave. to 215th Ave.
  - c. Catherine St. from pavement end to Hatchew's
  - d. Woodward Ave. from pavement end west to the end.
4. purchase a culvert for Highbanks Park.

The approximate cost of gravel is \$1.30/yd. from the Co. Rd. Commission. Asphalt is 18.80/yd. if laid in 1 mile increments. Private hauling for the gravel must be arranged. The clerk will have a letter listing definite road projects into the Road Commission by Tuesday, May 9, 1989.

Clerk Smith read a letter from the Department of Treasury, U.S. Customs Service asking the Big Rapids Charter Township Board to pass a resolution endorsing a honorary proclamation designating July 31, 1989, as United States Customs Day in the township. This date marks the 200th anniversary of the United States Customs Service - 200 years of international trade, cooperation and service between the United States and Canada. Douglass moved that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board endorse this proclamation. Dean supported the motion and it carried. A copy of this proclamation accompanies these minutes.

Dean moved that the board approve payment of registration fees and expenses for Dean and Smith to attend a "Directions in Public Finance" conference to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort on June 1st and 2nd. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of registration fees and expenses for any board members that wish to attend the MTA district meeting in Mt. Pleasant on May 24th. Kailing supported the motion and it carried.

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Douglass moved that the board appoint the following people to the Big Rapids Charter Township Park Commission: Maxine McClelland, Judy Dean, Robert Miller, John Fleming, J. Rouls, and a member of the Big Rapids Garden Club. Smith supported the motion and it carried.

Douglass moved that Highbanks Park be open from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday from May 1st thru 15th. Dean supported the motion and it carried.

Douglass moved that the board authorize the supervisor and clerk to hire someone to open and close Highbanks Park at a cost not to exceed \$200.00/month until park management can be worked out. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board authorize the supervisor and clerk to work out an agreement with Currie's gas station regarding the impoundment of cars remaining in the park after closing time. Dean supported the motion and it carried.

Douglass moved that the board authorize the supervisor and clerk to work out cost details on road projects and contract with the Mecosta Co. Rd. Commission to have the work done. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks # 6461 thru # 6512 for a total of \$12,579.47 and sewer fund checks # 378 thru # 380 for a total of \$7,007.04. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean supported by Smith.

Virginia Smith  
Clerk  
Maxine McClelland  
Supervisor

HONORARY PROCLAMATION

UNITED STATES CUSTOMS DAY  
JULY 31, 1989

RESOLVED BY Perry Douglass, seconded by Judy Dean that

WHEREAS, legacies come in many forms, and the legacy of the United States Customs Service is a legacy of service - 200 years of forthright, steadfast service - PROTECTING the American interest, SECURING the revenue, and DEFENDING our borders, and,

WHEREAS, when Congress first assembled in New York in 1789 to launch this country on its proper course, they had one overwhelming concern - money! Fighting a revolution had left the national cupboard bare, but such was the price of liberty, and,

WHEREAS, without the financial support of U.S. Customs, the defense, strengthening, and growth of our Nation would not have been possible. The list of historic firsts associated with Customs is impressive - spanning the breadth of this country, forming rich threads in the tapestry of America's past. To read even the small portion of Customs' story written here is, quite simply, to read our Nation's history:

WHEREAS, in 1777, when George Washington's ragged army was in the worst financial straits, Holland lent the infant United States the necessary funds to win the war. United States Customs revenue repaid the loan, and,

WHEREAS, in 1790, when America needed a system of pension agents to honour the debts owed to its Revolutionary War heroes, it turned to Customs. The Collectors of Customs were designated as the paying agents, and Customs revenue provided the funds. Customs was the first Veterans Administration, and,

WHEREAS, in 1790, when the capital city of Washington was planned and built, Customs duties paid for it, and,

WHEREAS, in 1790, when America needed armed ships to patrol her shores, she turned to Customs to finance and oversee construction of ten revenue cutters, at a cost of \$10,000. Customs built those ships and more! In 1915, the Revenue Cutter Service became known by its more familiar name - the United States Coast Guard, and,

WHEREAS, in 1791, when America needed lighthouses to guide ships safely past treacherous shoals, it turned to Customs to build those lighthouses. From 1791 to 1850, Customs super-intended the construction of over 300 lighthouses, from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and,

WHEREAS, in 1794, when a new Navy became a must, Customs supplied the funds to build some of the most famous ships in U.S. Naval history - The Constitution (better known as "Old Iron-sides"), the United States and the Constellation, and,

WHEREAS, in 1798, when America needed to provide for the health and well-being of its seamen, it turned to the United States Customs Service - Customs was the first Public Health Service, and,

WHEREAS, in 1798, when masses of immigrants began seeking refuge in America, Congress turned to Customs for control. Customs was the first Immigration and Naturalization Service, and,

WHEREAS, in 1799, when America need to standardize its weights and measures, to ensure for the merchant and consumer alike that a pound was indeed a pound, it turned to Customs to serve as the first Bureau of Standards, and,

WHEREAS, in 1802, when the U.S. Military Academy became a reality, Customs revenues paid the bill. Likewise when the U.S. Naval Academy was built at Annapolis in 1816, and,

WHEREAS, in 1803, when President Jefferson concluded the Louisiana Purchase, the price was \$5 Million. This land was paid for by Customs revenues and yielded the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, and Minnesota, and,

WHEREAS, in 1804, when the Lewis and Clark expedition was planned, the country looked to Customs to furnish the funds. This expedition led to U.S. territorial expansion to the Pacific Coast, and,

WHEREAS, in 1811, when the United States built the Cumberland Road, Customs paid for it. The road, which ended in then far-away territory opened the way west and extended the American frontier, and,

WHEREAS, when war with England came again in 1812, the U.S. Customs Service was the sole source of revenue to defend the Nation, and,

WHEREAS, in 1819, when we bought the Floridas and the Oregon territory from Spain, funds from Customs provided the \$5 Million necessary to close the deal, and,

WHEREAS, in 1835, when the national debt was at last reduced to zero - for the first and last time - expanding Customs receipts made the zero debt possible, and,

WHEREAS, in 1842, when America recognized the need to defend her borders against the importation of illicit drugs, and passed the Narcotic Tariff, the "blue line" of Customs Inspectors surrounded the Nation's borders as the first line of defense in a battle still being waged today under the program of Zero Tolerance. The United States Customs Service was the nation's first drug enforcement agency, and,

WHEREAS, in 1861, when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, and the Civil War began in earnest, Customs Revenue Cutters were pressed into service as battleships, and the first shot of the Civil War fired from a sea vessel was fired from the Revenue Cutter Harriet Lane across the bow of the Confederate ship, Hashville, and,

WHEREAS, in 1970, as a result of increased skyjacking incidents, President Nixon authorized U.S. Customs Special Agents to fly as Sky Marshals. For the next four years, no commercial aircraft that had its passengers screened by Customs prior to departure was skyjacked, and,

WHEREAS, the Detroit District of U.S. Customs has served the best interest of the peoples and communities of this State since the founding of the port in 1799 - PROTECTING American interests, SECURING the revenue, and DEFENDING the border.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the community of Big Rapids Charter Township, County of Mecosta, Michigan, in recognition of U.S. Customs, and in thanks for its sacrifice and service to our Nation, hereby join the Counties, Cities, Villages, and Townships across the State of Michigan in proclaiming July 31, 1989, as United States Customs Day throughout this Community and State.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND & SEAL THIS second DAY OF May, 1989

Virginia Lassota, Clerk  
Big Rapids Charter Township

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 6, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m. All board members were present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

George Storm a resident on Edgewood Dr. was present to request board action prohibiting the pumping of water from Winters Creek to water lawns. He said that the creek nearly dried up last summer because a few residents were doing this. He contacted the DNR several times and was finally told that the DNR really could not control this practice and that he should have the township board pass an ordinance prohibiting this. McClelland informed Mr. Storm that she had contacted several resource people including the DNR and was told that it was inadvisable to enact such an ordinance because it would be impossible to enforce it.

Fire Chief Torry reported seven fire runs during the month of May. He asked board approval to purchase chocks at a cost not to exceed \$120.00. Douglass so moved, Kailing supported and the motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland notified the board that Mrs. Orcille Rasmussen and children wish to donate a flagpole and flag to be placed in front of the township hall.

McClelland asked that it be noted that the Creek Club had asked to be first on the agenda but did not show.

McClelland updated the board on status of road projects. She noted that because the board had purposely been conservative when budgeting road funds an additional \$12,000.00 may be needed. Kailing moved that the board amend the General Fund Expenditure Budget, Highways and Streets activity, Repair and Maintenance Supplies line item, \$12,000.00 and the Revenue budget, advance from fund balance an equal amount. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported that Bob Lehner, a township resident has contracted with the township to provide lawn care, cleaning services, and opening and closing of the gate at

Highbanks park. Douglass moved that the board approve paying Mr. Lehner \$200.00 per month for all services except lawn care, and for lawn care at sum of \$9.50 per hour. Mr. Lehner provides all equipment and supplies. The salary for the services other than lawn care may be increased depending upon the increased use of the park as summer progresses. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A special meeting will be held on June 14th, 1989 at the Big Rapids Charter Township Hall. This will be a joint meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board, the Green Township Board, Mecosta Co. Sheriff Wayer, and the Sheriff and Jails Committee of the Mecosta Co. Commission. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m.

Smith moved that the board adopt Ordinance # 18, '13

#### BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK RULES ORDINANCE #18

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE, PROTECTION, REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE PUBLIC PARKS AND PARK FACILITIES AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING RECREATION, CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, HISTORIC, AND SCENIC AREAS AND PRESERVES AND PARKWAYS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTARY RULES AND REGULATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED TO THE USE OF AND CONDUCT ON PARK PROPERTY.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS, MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

##### Section 1: SHORT TITLE

This ordinance may be known and referred to as the "Big Rapids Charter Township Park Ordinance."

##### Section 2: PUBLIC USE AND HOURS

###### A. Fees and Charges

1. Fees and charges may be assessed by the Township Board for the use of any facility, land, area, or program on Township Park property.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Township Board without payment of such fee or charge.

###### B. Hours

No person or vehicle shall remain upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township Board outside posted hours of operation.

##### Section 3. PROTECTION OF PROPERTY

###### A. Destruction of buildings, markers, monuments and other properties shall be prohibited, and no person shall, on Township Park property:

1. Willfully destroy, deface, alter, change or remove any monument, stone marker, bench mark, stake, post or blaze, marking or designate any boundary line, survey line, or reference point.

2. Cut, break, mark upon or otherwise injure any building, equipment, bridge, drain, wall, fountain, lamp post, fence, gate, hedge, or other structure.
3. Deface, destroy, or remove any placard, notice or sign, whether permanent or temporary, posted or exhibited within or upon park property.
4. Appropriate, excavate, injure or destroy any historical or prehistorical ruin or any object of antiquity, without permission of the Township Board or its Agent.

B. Destruction of plant life and natural surroundings shall be prohibited, and no person shall:

1. Cut, remove, or destroy any tree, sampling, seeding, bush or shrub, whether alive or dead, or ship, blaze, box, girdle, trim or otherwise deface or injure any tree or shrub, or break or remove any branch, foliage, flower, or any tree or shrub, or pick, gather, uproot, remove, or destroy any flower, plant or grass.
2. Remove or cause to be removed any sod, earth, humus, peat, boulders, gravel, or sand, without written permission of the Township Board or its Agent.

C. The following rules shall apply to fires on Township Park property:

1. No person shall willfully set or cause to be set on fire any tree, woodland, brushland, grassland or meadow within or upon the property of the Township Board.
2. No person shall build any fire upon Township Board property except within the fireplaces, receptacles or open spaces approved and designated by the Township Board for such purpose.
3. No person shall drop, throw or otherwise scatter lighted matches, burning digard, cigarettes, tobacco paper or other flammable materials within or upon any property of the Township Board.
4. Fire shall not be left unattended. All fires shall be used in accordance with Big Rapids Charter Township Fire Ordinance #16 and be extinguished upon leaving the immediate vicinity.

#### Section 4. PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE

It shall be unlawful for any person while on Township Park property to:

- A. Cause any animal or fowl to run at large.
- B. Bring, drive or lead any animal onto Township Park property; excepting that horses and other beasts of burden and draft animals may be ridden by persons in charge thereof or driven before a vehicle attached thereto, on such portions of Township Park property as may be designated.
- C. Bring, drive, lead or carry any dog or other animal or pet which is unleashed, upon a leash more than six feet in length, or upon Township Park property. All such animals must be under the immediate control of a competent person at all times.
- D. Suffer his dog or pet to enter any public building, except a trained and working leader dog.
- E. Torture, ill-treat or neglect any animal or fowl.

F. No person shall hunt, trap, catch, wound or kill, or treat cruelly, attempt to trap, catch, wound, or kill any bird or animal, molest or rob any nest of any bird or any lair, den or burrow of any animal in or upon any land or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township Board

All game, animals, fowl, birds, fish and other aquatic life, hunted, killed, taken or destroyed, bought, sold, bartered, or had in possession, contrary to any of the provisions hereof, shall be and the same are declared to be contraband and the same shall be turned over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for disposal. Provided further that any weapon or object carried or used by any person in violation of these rules, shall be subject to seizure by the Township Board or its Agents and disposed of according to law.

Section 5. REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPORTS, GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND OTHER USES.

A. No violent or rough exercises or play which endangers other park users shall be engaged in in any public park.

B. There will not be a designated swimming area provided within any Township Park.

C. Canoe and tube landings in the park should take place in designated areas provided in the Township Park for such purpose.

D. No person shall place or deposit any garbage, glass, tincans, paper, or miscellaneous waste in or on any park property except in containers provided for that purpose. Glass containers will be prohibited within one hundred feet of any watercourse.

Section 6. BOATING

No person shall bring into, use or navigate any boat, yacht, raft or other watercraft upon any watercourse located within or upon the properties administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township Board, except at such time and places as may be provided or designated for such purpose. All watercraft shall comply with and be used in compliance with Public Safety Act 303 of 1967, as amended, and such regulations as may be adopted under the authority of the act, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of these rules.

Section 7. CAMPING

It shall be unlawful to camp anywhere within the park area.

Section 8. TRAFFIC AND PARKING

Parking in prohibited areas; standing for loading or unloading in certain places.

A. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park said vehicle in any place marked as a passenger or loading zone, other than for the expeditious loading or unloading of passengers, or for the unloading and delivery or pick up and loading of materials.

B. It shall be unlawful for the operator of a vehicle to stop, stand or park such vehicle upon any roadway or in any parking area in such manner as to form an obstruction to traffic thereon.

C. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle in any area which is designated as a prohibited parking area.

D. It shall be unlawful to drive or park any motor vehicle in or upon Township property which is used for recreational purposes, unless otherwise allowed by these rules.

Motor - driven Vehicles. It shall be unlawful for any person to:

- A. Operater a motor-driven vehicle of any kind or nature except on roads or designated parking areas.
- B. Operate a motor-driven vehicle on any park road at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour or at any speed greater than that posted; provided further, however, that notwithstanding any provision herein, any person driving a vehicle on any park road shall drive at a careful and prudent speed not greater than nor less than is responsible and proper, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the road and of any other condition then existing, and no person shall drive any vehicle upon a park road at a speed greater than will permit him to bring said vehicle to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.
- C. Operate a motor vehicle upon Township property in a speed contest or for the purpose of making a speed record, including that commonly known as a drag race, whether from a standing start or otherwise over a measured or unmeasured distance, the object of which is to better or defeat one or more contestants on the basis of the elapsed time, superior performance or speed.
- D. Operate any vehicle upon Township property, including but not limited to any area designated for the parking of vehicles, in a careless or negligent manner likely to endanger any person or property.
- E. Drive any vehicle upon Township property while impaired or under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotic, drug, barbital, or any derivative of barbital.
- F. Operate a motor vehicle upon Township property without having a valid operator's license, motor vehicle registration certificate and proof of the minimum liability coverage or uninsured motor vehicle fee as required by the State of Michigan vehicle code in his possession.
- G. Operate any vehicle upon Township property contrary to posted traffic signs, symbol, rules or regulations or marked roadways.
- H. Operate any motor vehicle in any manner upon Township property which results in excessive noise or disturbs the peace, quiet or tranquility of the area.
- I. Leave or cause to be left, any vehicle upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the township except furing designated park hours.
- J. Operate or ride on a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle without wearing a crash helmet approved by the Department of State Police. Rules of the Department of State Police for the implementation of Section 658, sub-section (d) of 1949, PA 300, as amended, shall apply to this rule.

#### Section 9. TRESPASS

##### A. Livestock

No person shall drive or cause to be driven any horses, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, or other livestock upon or across property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township, without the written permission of the Township or its Agent.

B. Peddling and Soliciting

It shall be unlawful for any person to peddle or solicit business of any nature whatsoever, or to distribute handbills, or other advertising matter, to post unauthorized signs on any lands, water, structures, or property administered by or under the jurisdiction on the Township, or to use such lands, water, structures or property unless first authorized in writing by the Township or its Agent.

C. Unlawful Obstruction

No person, firm or corporation shall by force, threats, intimidation, unlawful fencing, enclosing, or by any other means prevent or obstruct any person from entering, leaving or making full use of any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township.

D. Hindering Employees

No person shall interfere with, or in any manner hinder any employee or agent of the Township while performing their official duties.

E. Resisting Park Ranger

No person shall interfere with any Park Ranger or police officer in the discharge of his duties; or fail or refuse to obey any lawful command of any Park Ranger or police officer.

F. Alcoholic Beverages, Drugs

The sale of alcohol is prohibited upon the property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township or its Agent.

The consumption of alcohol by minors upon property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township is prohibited at all times.

No person shall sell, use or have in his possession any drug or narcotic; the sale, use or possession of which is prohibited by the state law.

G. Personal Conduct

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to be under the influence of intoxicants, or to engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, vulgar, lewd, wanton, obscene or otherwise disorderly conduct, or to disturb or annoy others, while in or on any property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township.
2. It shall be unlawful to conduct or to participate in any form of gambling, lottery or game of chance upon park property.

H. Use of loudspeaker

It shall be unlawful to use a loudspeaker, public address system or amplifier within or upon Township property.

I. Fireworks

No person shall fire, discharge or have in his or her possession any rocket, firecracker, torpedo, squib, or other fireworks or any substance of an explosive nature within or upon the property of the Township.

K. No person shall, at any time bring into or upon the Townships Parks' properties, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said properties, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air gun, or any gun, rifle, firearm or bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to any deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, or other duly appointed law enforcement officer while carrying out the duties and responsibilities of his position.

L. Littering and Pollution of Waters. It shall be unlawful:

1. To throw, cast, lay, drop or discharge into or leave in waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters.

M. Balloons, Airplanes, and Parachutes

1. No person shall make any ascent in any balloon or airplane or any descent in or from any balloon or airplane or parachute on any lands or waters administered by or under the jurisdiction of the Township.
2. Flying of model air craft in or on park premises is prohibited.

N. Emergency Powers. Nothing in these rules shall:

1. Prohibit or hinder duly authorized agents of the Township or any peace officers from performing their official duties.
2. Prohibit the Township Board from establishing emergency rules required to protect the health, welfare and safety of park visitors and to protect park property; including, but not limited to, the right of the Township Board to order all persons off Township property, and to close all or any portion of said park.

#### Section 10. ENFORCEMENT

##### Fines and Imprisonment

- A. Any person violating any provision of the foregoing rules shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not more than \$100.00 and costs of prosecution, or imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days or both, for each offense.
- B. Pursuant to Section 5 of P.A. 1969, No. 280, State of Michigan, any person convicted of an act of vandalism in a park or recreation area owned and operated by the Township shall reimburse the Township for up to three (3) times the amount of the damage as determined by the Court. In every case of a conviction for an offense of vandalism, the Court before whom such conviction is obtained, shall enter judgement in favor of the Township and against the defendant for liquidated damages in a sum up to three (3) times the amount of the damage as determined by the Court. The Township attorney shall take such steps as shall be necessary to collect the award by execution or otherwise. If two or more defendants are convicted of the vandalism, the judgment for damages shall be entered against them jointly. If the defendant is a minor, the judgment shall be entered against his parents. Upon collection the sums shall be credited to the general fund of the Township and shall be used for repairs and improvements to the parks and recreation areas.

Section 11. DEFINITIONS

- A. Township Board shall mean the Board of Big Rapids Charter Township.
- B. "Township Park property" shall mean all lands, waters, and property administered by or under the jurisdiction of Big Rapids Charter Township.
- C. "Person" or "persons" shall mean individuals, male or female, singular or plural; firms, corporations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
- D. "Camping" means the overnight lodging or sleeping of person or persons on the ground or in any manner, or in any sleeping bag, tent, trailer-tent, trailer coach, vehicle camper, motor vehicle, boat or in any other conveyance erected, parked or placed on the premises or waters within any park or recreation area administered by the Township.
- E. "Rules" shall mean the rules adopted by the Big Rapids Charter Township Board, applicable to all property administered by or under the jurisdiction of the said Township Board and all amendments thereto.

Section 12.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 13. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after adoption.

ORDINANCE #18 WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD ON JUNE 6, 1989 on a motion by Smith, supported by Douglass. On roll call vote; Kailing-no, Douglass-yes, McClelland-yes, Dean-yes, Smith-yes, The motion carried.

Terriane Smith  
Clerk  
Mayne McClelland  
Supervisor

Supervisor McClelland read the Big Rapids Charter Township Park Policies. A motion to adopt these policies was made by Smith supported by Douglass. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote. They are as follows.

**POLICIES DEFINING THE USE OF THE BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK AREAS AND FACILITIES**

I. General

The park areas are provided for use by the general public and to satisfy the reacreational needs of the residents in the community of Big Rapids. The following policies will give the basic guidelines concerning general use of Big Rapids charter Township park facilities.

II. Park Hours

The park areas will be open during the daylight hours, 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

III. Picnic Shelters

The shelter facilities are for the use of the general public. Use of picnic shelters will be on a first come, first serve basis.

IV. Picnic Areas

These areas are for the use of the general public on a first come, first serve basis.

V. Ballfields

Priority for the use of ballfields shall be as follows: first; women's softball league during scheduled game and practice times, second; the general public on a first come, first serve basis, with play by one group to be held to one hour when a second group is waiting to use the ballfield.

VI. Restroom Buildings

These facilities are for the use of the general public. The facilities will be open during the stated park hours, except for when repairs and cleaning are necessary.

VII. Any special use of any township park facility must be brought before the Big Rapids Charter Township Board for approval.

These policies have been prepared by the Park Commission.

Dean moved that the board authorize McClelland to have the oldest pump at the 14331 Northland Dr. sewer lift station pulled for maintenance, replace it with a standby pump and keep the refurbished pump as a standby. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported that "Creek's Edge Apartment" complex now under construction will install a sewer lift station sized to serve future development in that area. Douglass moved that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board accept this lift station as part of its sewer system upon completion and approval. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dean moved that the board change Ordinance #14, "An Ordinance to Regulate the Setting of Fires, and to Provide Penalties for the Violation Thereof, and to Provide a Remedy for the Collection on Costs and Expenses to the Township Caused by the Setting of Fires" to Ordinance #16. Smith supported the motion and it carried.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of registration fees, expenses and mileage for any board members wishing to attend any of the following conferences: The Census Conf., The Gypsy Moth Conf., The Legislative Conf., The M.A.E.D. Conf., N.A.T.A.T. Conf., M.A. C. Conf., and the Manatron Conf. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

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Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks #6513 thru # 6558 and sewer fund bills with checks #381. General fund bills total \$9,819.66 and sewer fund bills total \$101.54. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Douglass supported by Dean. The motion carried.

Virginia Smith  
Clerk

Dynne McCullard  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 14, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the joint meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board, the Green Township Board, Mecosta Co. Sheriff Wayer, and Mecosta Co. Commission, Sheriff and Jail committee to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were: M. McClelland, V. Smith, J. Dean, P. Douglass, J. Wellnitz, Sheriff Wayer, J. Obert, J. Todd, R. Christiansen, J. Jacobs arrived late.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the possibility of the two townships contracting for additional police protection with the Mecosta Co. Sheriff Dept. No action was taken at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Virian Smith  
Clerk  
Wayne McClelland  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING JULY 5, 1989

HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

McClelland, Smith, Dean and Douglass were present. Kailing absent.

The minutes of the June regular meeting were read. Douglass moved that two corrections be made. First the title 'Park Commission" should be "Park Committee". Second, the motion " Smith moved that the board adopt Ordinance # 18", should be "Smith moved that proposed ordinance # 18, BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK RULES ORDINANCE # 18, be published in synopsis form, so that it can be adopted at the July meeting." Dean supported the motion and it carried.

The minutes of the June 14, 1989 special meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Smith.

Kailing arrived.

Brad Pennington of the Winter's Creek club and Don Nemec representing "Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Mecosta Co." were present. Mr. Pennington seeks Big Rapids Charter Township Board endorsement for a one day outdoor service area permit for a beer tent on September 2, 1989. Mr. Nemec is seeking board endorsement to hold a "Las Vegas Night" on September 2, 1989 in the Winter's Creek Club building between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Both events will be in conjunction with the Big Rapids Riverfest celebration. Douglass moved that this request for Big Rapids Charter Township Board endorsement be granted. Dean supported the motion and it carried.

Assistant Fire Chief Rex Richardson gave the fire department report. There was one fire run and one work session in the month of June. He told the board that metal shavings had been found in the oil during the last oil change on 11-2. This indicates a possibility of a severe problem with the engine of 11-2. Following discussion Smith moved that the board authorize Torry and Richardson to find someone to evaluate the engine and render an estimate of the cost of repairs. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Torry requested board authorization to open a charge account at Quality Farm and Fleet. Smith moved and Dean supported. The motion carried. Richardson presented a request from Larry Jensen, one of the townships firefighters, to hold classes for the E.M.S. at the township hall on August 10th and 11th. The board was in agreement.

Smith read a request from the "West Central Michigan Community Growth Alliance" for a contribution. Kailing moved that the board donate \$100.00 to this organization. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

CONTINUED JULY 5, 1989

McClelland reported that the graveling, grading and calcium chloride application at Highbanks park has been completed.

Smith presented a budget report and moved that the board amend the general fund budget, Parks & Recreation Activity, to establish a Repair and Maintenance Supplies line item and a Repair & Maintenance line item each in the amount of \$500.00 and to increase the advance from fund balance \$1,000.00. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith reported to the board that payment of Amy Lehner for her services at Highbanks Park is being held until she presents a copy of her worker's compensation policy or a copy of her exclusion form.

Douglass moved that the board approve the adoption of Ordinance #18, BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP PARK RULES ORDINANCE. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. This ordinance shall become effective upon publication. This ordinance is contained in the minutes of the June 6, 1989 meeting.

Douglass moved to authorize the supervisor to work with the Green Twp. supervisor to draft a \$10,000.00 per township contractual agreement with the Mecosta County Commission for a police protection agreement with the Mecosta Co. Sheriff Department. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that clerk notify Marc Bruno, presently employed by the township board as liquor law enforcement officer, that because of the impending agreement with the Mecosta Co. Sheriff Dept. for additional police protection and liquor law enforcement, his services will no longer be needed as of July 31, 1989. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. The board wishes to thank Mr. Bruno for his services at this time.

A motion to approve the purchase of a T.V. at a cost not to exceed \$400.00 was made by Douglass supported by Dean. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks # 6559 thru # 6616 for a total of \$21,144.54 and sewer fund bills with checks # 382 thru # 386 for a total of \$545.58. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Smith supported by Douglass.

Harriett Smith  
Clerk

James M. Kailing  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 3, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.  
McClelland, Dean, Smith and Douglass were present, Kailing absent.

The minutes of the July meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Smith.

Floyd and Sandy Strandberg, residents of 14 Mile Rd. were present. Mr. Strandberg recapped the history of the proposed road projects for 14 Mile Rd. He said that the residents involved would still like to have prime and triple seal applied from 205th Ave. to Oak Hollow Dr. He wanted to know if the township was still willing to contribute 1/3 if the cost if the residents paid 2/3's. Douglass so moved and Dean supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Kailing arrived during Mr. Strandberg's request.

Dan Hillman, builder of Creek's Edge Apartment Complex, was present. He told the board that he had been informed by Big Rapids City Manager that city water would not be available for the apartment complex unless the city commission passed a resolution stating so at their next meeting on August 8th. Because of time factors he did not feel he could wait that long to resolve this issue and so he with the aid of Sup. McClelland proceeded to obtain authorization from the Michigan Dept. of Health to install a Type I public water supply system. The Health Dept. required that the water system be deeded over to the township. Big Rapids Charter Twp. would then enter into a contractual agreement with Creek's Edge Enterprises, Inc. to accept ownership of the system conditioned upon Creek's Edge Enterprises, Inc. maintenance and servicing of the system at their (Creek's Edge Enterprises, Inc.) expense. Hillman asked the board, if in agreement with this plan, to pass a resolution so stating, and for a copy of this resolution to send to the Michigan Dept. of Health. Smith moved that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board adopt the following resolution. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

WHEREAS, a Type I public water supply system is being constructed by Creek's Edge Enterprises, Inc. to serve the Creek's Edge Apartment Complex in Section 22 of Big Rapids Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, the system will be constructed in accordance with the Michigan Safe Drinking Water Act 399 of 1976, and the associated Administrative Rules of the Michigan Department of Public Health;

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon completion and approval of the Type I

public water supply system Big Rapids Charter Township will accept ownership of said system, conditioned upon subsequent execution of a contractual agreement between Creeks Edge Enterprises, Inc. and Big Rapids Charter Township providing for operation and maintenance of the system by Creeks Edge Enterprises, Inc.

This system will consist of one (1) 4" test well and three (3) 6" wells.

Al Cutler a resident on Oak Hollow Dr. arrived at the meeting. He asked if the board would agree to contribute 1/3 of the cost to have Oak Hollow prime and triple sealed if the residents would pay the other 2/3rd's. Douglass moved that if the residents can get the road commission to do this project and the residents will pay 2/3 of the cost then the township will pay 1/3 of the cost. He reminded Mr. Cutler that the residents share of the money must be collected and placed in the Trust and Agency fund befor the onset of work. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Judy Winegar and Mike Tinkam, representatives of a waste recycling group were present. Mike explained the goals of the organization and said that they are looking for collection sites. He asked if the township board would consider letting them use the back of the township hall grounds for this purpose. Following board discussion of possible problems this activity might cause, Smith moved that the board allow a semi trailer to be placed at a designated spot at the rear of the township hall grounds on August 19th for paper collection and a compartmentalized bin when available for a trial period of September and October. The bin would be used for the collection of plastic, glass and metal. The collection site would be open only at specified hours and supervised by this waste recycling organization. Douglass supported the motion and it carried.

Torry reported five (5) fire runs for the month of July. He reported that he had gotten cost estimates to rebuild the engine of 11-2. Estimates were around \$5,500.00 to \$6,000.00. He introduced Mr. Grooter a fire engine dealer. Mr. Grooter had brought a new fire truck for the board to look at. He gave a rundown on the truck and equipment and explained their purchase lease plan. The concensus of the board was that it is not feasible for the township to purchase a new truck at this time. Torry asked for board approval to add two new men to the fire dept. They are Kenneth Caldwell and Charles Smalley. Both men have completed Fire I training and Mr. Smalley is a EMT specialist and paramedic as well. Douglass moved that the board approved the addition of these two men to the volunteer fire roster. Kailing supported the motion and it carried.

Sup. McClelland reported on future needs in the sewer system which include a third point of entry on Perry St. and a diesel powered back up generator. The township also needs to investigate a township water system. George Granger of Granger Engineering will be at the township hall on Thursday August 10th to discuss thses issues. Smith moved that the board authorize

payment of any fees incurred for this initial consultation. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland recommended that the board hold a truth in taxation hearing so that the township can collect the entire 1.25 mils set by fixed voted allocation. Kailing moved that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board hold a Truth in Taxation hearing and direct the clerk to publish legal notice of this hearing to be held on August 31, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. Douglass supported the motion and it carried.

Dean reported on park maintenance and projects for the month of July.

Dean moved that the board authorize Sup. McClelland to purchase a new camera for assessing purposes with a cap of \$200.00. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks #6617 thru #6651 for a total of \$11,152.90 and sewer fund bills with checks #387 and 388 for a total of \$114.32. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Clerk Smith read a request from Michigan Pizza Hut, Inc. (a Michigan Corporation) to drop Donald G. White, deceased as stockholder in a 1989 12 Months Resort Class C licensed business, located at 14371 Northland, Big Rapids, MI 49307, Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, through transfer of his 1861 shares of stock to Donald G. White Trust; Michigan National Bank, Successor Trustee on May 18, 1989. A motion to approve this request was made by Douglass supported by Kailing and carried unanimously on roll call vote. A copy of this resolution in its entirety accompanies these minutes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Smith supported by Dean. The motion carried.

Virginia Smith  
Clerk  
Maynard McClelland  
Supervisor

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

At a Regular (Regular, or Special) meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board (Township Board, City or Village Council) called to order by Supt. McClelland August 3, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Douglass and Supported by Karling

That the request from MICHIGAN PIZZA HUT, INC. (A MICHIGAN CORPORATION) to drop Donald G. White, deceased as stockholder in a 1989 12 Months Resort Class C licensed business, located at 14371 Northland, Big Rapids, MI 49307, Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, through transfer of his 1861 shares of stock to Donald G. White Trust; Michigan National Bank, Successor Trustee on May 18, 1989.

be considered for Approval (Approval or Disapproval)

Approval

Yea: (5)

Nay: (0)

Absent: (0)

Disapproval

Yea:

Nay:

Absent:

It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be Recommended (Recommended or

not Recommended)

for issuance.

State of Michigan ) SS  
County of Mecosta )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the

Big Rapids Charter Twp. Board at a Regular (Regular or Special)

meeting held on the August 3, 1989 (Date)

(Signed)

Virginia Smith  
(Township, City, or Village Clerk)

14312 Northland Dr  
(Address of Township, City or Village Board)

Big Rapids, MI 49307

SEAL

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 31, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All board members were present.

Supervisor McClelland opened the Truth and Taxation Hearing. She explained to those in attendance the purpose of this hearing and then asked for public comment. No comment was offered. Supervisor McClelland closed the hearing.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m.

The minutes of the August 3 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Dean.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Piggott of 14 Mile Rd. were present. They wished to verify the Board's commitment of financial aid if they are successful in getting the road commission to prime and triple their section of 14 Mile Rd. The board assured them of this. They also asked if some of the board members would be present at the next road commission meeting to support their request. If possible someone will attend.

Mr. Shefferly and Mr. Dorman of the Assembly of God Church were present with a request to bring a sewer line from their proposed church site down under the existing drive between Crawford's and the township hall to the manhole in the front of the hall. Kailing suggested that because of the intricate drainage system surrounding the township hall it might be a better idea to bring a sewer line from their site down the south side of the township hall. A dry sewer pipe was put in place under the front drive at the time of construction. A sewer line on the south side could be connected to this and additional line run from the dry line to the manhole. Supervisor suggested that they contact the owners of the property to the south of the hall in case that land would have to be crossed. They said they would take this into consideration.

Chief Torry reported two fire runs and two training sessions during the month of August. He asked board approval to purchase a new set of fire code books noting that the ones they have are 1981 edition. Dean moved that the board authorize the purchase of a set of fire code books at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith mentioned the need to have the sewer lift station at 14331 Northland Dr. sandblasted and painted. Douglass suggested checking with Cook's Welding to see if they would do this.

McClelland reported meeting with George Granger of Granger Engineering to discuss a third point of entry for the sewer system and also to have him investigate the possibility of a water system in the township.

McClelland reported meeting with City Manager Murphy to discuss a third point of entry in the sewer system and also to discuss the cities policy regarding the availability of city water to township customers. She suggested that it would be helpful if the city would set some policy in this regard. Another meeting with the city manager has been set for September 14th at 2:00 p.m.

The contract with the Mecosta Co. Sheriff's Department is still be worked on.

The waste recycle project at Ferris went extremely well. The group is unable to get a compartmentalized bin for use during their pickup at the rear of the township hall and would like to place two semi trailers instead. The next pickup will be sometime in September. The board was in agreement.

McClelland reported on park projects and some vandalism which occurred recently.

McClelland reported on zoning matters noting some problems with Empire Gas Co. regarding their site plan and compliance with set back requirements.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks #6652 thru #6691 for a total of \$11,465.81 and sewer fund bills with checks # 389 thru 391 for a total of \$6721.12. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Douglass supported by Dean.

*Doris Smith*  
Clerk  
*Mary McClelland*  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - OCTOBER 2, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.  
All board members were present.

The minutes of the August 1, meeting were read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Kailing.

The treasurers report was read and approved on a motion by Douglass supported by Smith.

Correspondence read by clerk.

Chief Torry reported on fire department activities for the month of September. He asked the board to approve the addition of Wendy Gregory to the fire department roster bringing the number of firemen to twenty-five. Wendy has already had fire fighter I training. Dean moved to add Wendy Gregory to the volunteer roster. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously.

McClelland reported on zoning matters.

McClelland reported on her meeting with Big Rapids City Manager Murphy on Sept. 22 regarding a third point of entry into the municipal sewer system. She said that not much was accomplished and that another meeting has been set up.

McClelland reported that due to a few problems that have arisen, the township has not yet accepted responsibility for the Creek's Edge Apartment water and sewer system.

McClelland and Smith met with the Mecosta Co. Sheriff and Jails committee and with Sheriff Wayer on September 28th. The purpose of this meeting was to reach an agreement regarding a contract for police protection for the township. After discussing the needs of the township, the committee and sheriff agreed that a contract for continued police protection with the possibility of some overtime hours if needed and enforcement of the liquor law in the township would be feasible with an annual charge to the township of \$10,000.00. It was noted that as the law enforcement needs of the township changed the contract could be revised. The committee will have their legal counsel draw up a contract.

Smith asked the boards feeling regarding a closing date for Highbanks Park. Following discussion Douglass moved the the board officially close Highbanks Park for the winter on October 15, 1989 at midnight. Dean supported the motion and it carried. McClelland said that she would notify the Sawmill of the closing date. Smith will call Dent refuse and have the dumpster removed on October 13th.

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Douglass moved that the board draft a resolution thanking Betty Nelson for her efforts in coordinating and supervising the Michigan Youth Corp Program. Through this program many projects were undertaken and completed this past summer. A flower arrangement shall accompany the resolution. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith notified the board that the election commission consisting of herself, Kailing and Douglass recommend the following persons to be election workers for the November 7, 1989 special election. They are Joanie Alberty, chairperson, Judy Dean, Judy Root, Mel Brown, Rosemary Brown, and Mugs Ward.

Smith asked the board to approve payment of a registration fee of \$40.00 for her to attend an accounting class through community education and to pay registration fees of \$45.00 each and expenses for Smith and Dean to attend Merskin & Merskin's fall accounting seminar. Douglass moved and Kailing supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote.

In accordance with the Truth and Taxation Hearing held on August 31, 1989, Dean moved that the millage to be levied by Big Rapids Charter Township for 1989 be set at 1.25 mills. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 1990 was discussed.

Smith moved that the board approve Marcia Baldwin to do data entry of assessing records into the computer. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks # 6692 thru # 6759 for a total of \$25,358.81 and sewer fund bills with checks #392 thru # 397 for a total of \$6,047.96. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith read a copy of a petition received by the Mecosta Co. Road Commission regarding a special assessment drainage district for 175th Ave. and McKinley Rd. The board directed the clerk to file the petition for future reference.

A motion to adjourn was made by Douglass supported by Kailing at 9:45 p.m.

Janine Smith  
Clerk  
Mary McCloud  
Supervisor

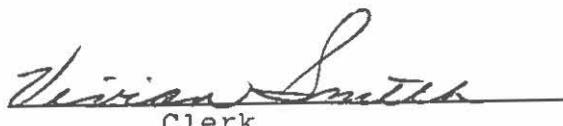
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WHEREAS, Betty Nelson has served as the co-ordinator for the Michigan Youth Corp Program for the past serveral years, and

WHEREAS, she has served with interest and devotion, contributing considerable time, effort and expertise, and

WHEREAS, Big Rapids Charter Township has benefited greatly from her efforts on their behalf,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board recognizes the fine service that Betty Nelson has rendered Big Rapids Charter Township and further expresses its most sincere appreciation.

  
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Clerk

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - NOVEMBER 1, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.  
McClelland, Smith, Dean and Kailing were present, Douglass was absent.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved on a motion  
by Kailing supported by Dean.

The treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Smith supported  
by Kailing.

The manager of the Creek Club requested a temporary dressing room permit  
to be used for a "Hawaiian Tropic Beauty Pageant" on a date yet to  
be determined. Dean moved that the board recommend that Winter's Creek  
Club be granted a temporary dressing room permit for a date yet to be  
determined. Kailing supported the motion and it carried with 3 ayes  
and 1 no. The exact number of events and dates will be determined at  
the December meeting.

Smith read a bid from Michigan Maintenance for a complete cleaning of  
the township hall. Following discussion it was decided to just have  
the carpet cleaned. Dean moved and Kailing supported. The motion carried  
unanimously on roll call vote.

Work budgets for all funds were studied. A public budget hearing will  
be held in conjunction with the regular meeting on December 5, 1989,  
commencing at 8:00 p.m. Notice of the hearing will be published.

Kailing moved that the board authorize the supervisor and clerk to hire  
someone to fill in the pot holes in the township hall driveway before  
election day. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously  
on roll call vote.

Fire Chief Torry reported on fires and work sessions for the month of  
October.

Kailing moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with  
checks #6760 thru #6806 for a total of \$10,704.14 and sewer fund bills  
with check #398 for a total of \$7,823.53 Smith supported the motion and  
it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Kailing moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:22. Dean supported  
and it carried.

Virginia Smith  
Clerk  
Michael McClelland  
Supervisor

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING - DECEMBER 5, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All board members were present.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved on a motion by Dean supported by Douglass.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved on a motion by Kailing supported by Douglass.

The manager of the Winter's Creek Club was present to ask board approval for (3) one day dressing room permits for the following dates, January 12th, 19th and 26th, 1990. These are the dates of the semifinals and finals for the Hawaiian Tropic Ski Pro 1990 Beauty Pageant. The board approved the request with (4) ayes, (1) no vote. The motion was made by Kailing supported by Dean. The meeting recessed. The Budget Hearing was called to order.

The Budget Hearing for all Township Funds was held. All funds were gone over and some changes were made. Dean moved that the budgets for all funds for fiscal year 1990 be adopted by activity. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. The budget hearing was adjourned.

The regular meeting resumed. Jim Obert, Big Rapids Township's representative on the county Commission was present. The proposed Law Enforcement Contract with the Mecosta County Sheriff Department was discussed. Douglass moved that the board approve this contract subject to changes that may be required by the Mecosta County Commission and that the board authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to enter into the contract upon its finalization. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. A copy of this contract in its present form accompanies these minutes. Fire Chief Torry reported on fires and training sessions for the month of November. He reported Major problems with the engine of 11-2. It has a blown piston and metal shavings were found in the oil. He had gotten some preliminary prices on new fire trucks presently available. The concensus of the board was that because of mutual aid agreements between the city and township the board need not feel pressured into a hasty decesion. A committee to investigate the puchase of a new fire truck consisting of Torry, Richardson, Miller, Sage, Osborn and Dean was appointed. To assist them in this process, Kailing moved that the board set an expenditure cap of \$110,000.00. Dean supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Supervisor McClelland reported that she had met with the Big Rapids City Commission at their pre-agenda meeting on Monday night to discuss a third point of entry for the township into the municipal sewer system and whether or not city water would be available to future township customers. She had met several <sup>times</sup> previously with the city manager and city engineer to discuss the sewer point of entry and work has begun to resolve this issue. Smith moved that the board authorize McClelland to meet with Robert Cooper the lawyer who assisted the township with the original sewer negotiations, and direct him to write up the appropriate amendments to the waste water treatment contract to identify a Perry St. point of entry and approve the township cost share in the interceptor of \$5,684.00. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. McClelland also requested the city commission to state their policy in writing regarding municipal water service to customers in the township. Dean moved that the board direct the supervisor to make a formal request of the city commission to state their policy regarding water service to township customers and to explore the possibility of establishing a franchise agreement with the city to sell water to customers in the township. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. Also at this pre-agenda meeting were a group of developers that are building a professional park on the north side of Perry St. on land adjacent to the city limit. The city owns a 60' easement along the city line. The developers wanted to know if the city would be interested in building a north south road and if so, they, the developers would be willing to share in the cost of construction of this road. City commission members did not feel that such a road would be of benefit to the city. McClelland assured the city and the developers that the township would be willing to assist the developers in every way they can on this project.

Smith read a letter from the Liquor Control Commission stating a request from Michigan Pizza Hut to transfer stock in a 1989 12 Months Resort Class C licensed business held by Donald G. White Trust; Michigan National Bank, Trustee to new stockholders, Joyce L. Lunsford and Jeffrey C. White. Douglass moved that the board approve this transfer and Dean supported. The motion carried unanimously on roll call vote. A copy of this resolution accompanies these minutes.

Snow removal was discussed. Smith read a bid from Jim Addington of Big Rapids Rent-It-All for \$19.00/hour. Douglass moved that the <sup>board</sup> hire Mr. Addington to provide snow removal for the season. Dean supported the motion and it

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carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Bill Torry asked if it would be possible to establish a fire hydrant at Creek's Edge Apartment complex. McClelland said that she would discuss this with Dan Hillman, the developer.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of registration fees and expenses for McClelland, Smith and Dean to attend the MTA state convention January 23 thru 26th. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dean moved the board approve issuing \$20.00 gift certificates to the volunteer firemen and board members for christmas gifts. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

The possibility of holding a special meeting at the end of the month was discussed. If it is necessary to close out the fiscal year the supervisor will notify board members and notice will be posted.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills with checks # 6807 thru # 6862 for a total of \$11,330.56 and sewer fund bills with check # 400 for a total of \$104.06. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Douglass supported by Smith. the meeting adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Virian Smith  
Clerk

Wayne McClelland  
Supervisor

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION**

At a regular (Regular, or Special) meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board (Township Board, City or Village Council) called to order by Supervisor McClelland on December 5, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Douglass and Supported by Dean

That the request from MICHIGAN PIZZA HUT, INC. (A MICHIGAN CORPORATION) to transfer stock in a 1989 12 Months Resort Class C licensed business, located at 14371 Northland, Big Rapids, MI 49307, Big Rapids Township, Mecosta County, whereby, Donald G. White Trust; Michigan National Bank, Trustee will be dropped as stockholder through transfer of his 1,861 shares of stock to new stockholders, Joyce L. Lunsford and Jeffrey C. White.

be considered for approval (Approval or Disapproval)

Approval

Disapproval

Yea: 5

Yea:

Nay: 0

Nay:

Absent:

Absent:

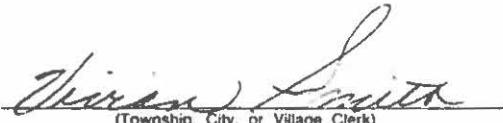
It is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended (Recommended or not Recommended) for issuance.

State of Michigan ) SS  
County of Mecosta )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the

Big Rapids Charter Township Board at a regular (Regular or Special)  
meeting held on the December 5, 1989 (Date).

(Signed)

  
Thirian Smith  
(Township, City, or Village Clerk)

14212 Northland Dr.  
(Address of Township, City or Village Board)  
Big Rapids, MI 49037

SEAL

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

This contract made on the 5th day of December 1989, between the Charter Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan hereinafter called "Township", and County of Mecosta, Michigan, hereinafter called "County".

1. The Township is desirous of securing additional law enforcement protection on a contractual basis from the Mecosta County Sheriff Department and willing to pay the cost thereof.
2. The County through the Mecosta County Sheriff Department is willing to provide law enforcement protection to the Township under terms and conditions as set forth therein for the consideration set forth herein.
3. For the reasons recited above and in consideration of mutual covenants contained therein, the County and the Township agree as follows:
  - a. The parties hereto agree that the term of this agreement shall be one year, commencing the 1st day of January, 1990.
  - b. The Township agrees to pay to the County of Mecosta for police protection to be rendered to the Township the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid to the County Treasurer by the 10th day of January.
  - c. The County agrees to use these funds for the provision of law enforcement protection in the Township, through its Sheriff Department.
  - d. The County agrees to provide liquor law enforcement within the Township during the term of this contract.
  - e. The County will carry appropriate police professional liability insurance and hold the Township harmless in regard to police actions.
  - f. This contract may be renewed on an annual basis upon consent of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement this 5th day of December 1989.

COUNTY OF MECOSTA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS

By: Wynona McCollard  
Supervisor

By: Virginia Smith  
Clerk

MECOSTA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheriff

BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 29, 1989  
HELD AT BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL

Supervisor McClelland called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. All board members were present.

Supervisor McClelland reported on service to the primary sewer lift station. One of the pumps was not functioning. She has received bids for a sewer maintenance contract from two companies, Fishbeck, Thomson and Carr, out of Ada Michigan and Johnson Controls, Inc. out of Grand Rapids. Dean moved that the board authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to contract with Johnson Contro, Inc. for an on call, time and material service contract. There is no extra charge for the on call service. Douglass supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Smith read a revised ccpy of the proposed Law Enforcement Contract with Mecosta Co. with the changes made by Co. Prosecutor Jim Samuels. Douglass moved that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board enter into this Law Enforcement Contract with the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department for time period of one year, January 1, 1990 thru January 1, 1991. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote. A copy of this contract accompanies these minutes.

Smith presented the board with a budget report.

Douglass moved that the board approve payment of general fund bills checks # 6863 thru # 6911 for a total of \$7,291.20 and sewer fund bills with checks # 401 thru # 413 for a total of \$2,532.36. Smith supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

McClelland reported that she has been contacted by Mike Hulst and attorney regarding the documents for the Norgate Drain system involving the airport and Greenhaven. The original documents were mailed instead of hand delivered as they were supposed to be and so he needs to have a waiver signed. Douglass moved that the board authorize McClelland to sign the waiver. Kailing supported the motion and it carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Dean moved that the meeting be adjourned at 12:47 p.m. Kailing supported the motion and it carried.

Miriam Smith  
Clerk  
Maynard McClelland  
Supervisor

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

This contract made on the 21st day of December, 1989 between the Charter Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan hereinafter called "Township", and County of Mecosta, Michigan, hereinafter called "County".

1. The Township is desirous of securing additional law enforcement protection on a contractual basis from the Mecosta County Sheriff Department and willing to pay the cost thereof.
2. The County through the Mecosta County Sheriff Department is willing to provide law enforcement protection to the Township under terms and conditions as set forth therein for the consideration set forth herein.
3. For the reasons recited above and in consideration of mutual covenants contained therein, the County and the Township agree as follows:
  - a. The parties hereto agree that the term of this agreement shall be one year, commencing the 1st day of January, 1990.
  - b. The Township agrees to pay the County of Mecosta for police protection to be rendered to the Township the sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be paid to the County Treasurer by the 10th day of January.
  - c. The County agrees to provide through the Sheriff Department additional road patrol and law enforcement protection equal to the \$10,000.00 consideration paid by Big Rapids Township. Said additional enforcement shall be limited to state laws and does not include the enforcement of township ordinances.
  - d. The County agrees to provide liquor law enforcement within the Township during the term of this contract.
  - e. The County will carry appropriate police professional liability insurance and hold the Township harmless in regard to police actions.
  - f. This contact expires 12-31-90 unless renewed in writing by the parties.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement  
this 21st day of December, 1989.

COUNTY OF MECOSTA

By: Ray Obris Cousin

Commissioner, Chairman

By: Quinn L. New

County Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BIG RAPIDS

By: Marvin McClelland

Supervisor

By: Verian Smith

Clerk

MECOSTA COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

By: Henry Wayer

Sheriff