

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
APPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Industrial Park Price Adjustment

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Ryan Hodges, Ferris State University, Proclamation of Recognition of FSU Football – presented and thanked
Chris Zimmerman, County Commissioner – Tonkin Drain update. Requested Township consider splitting cost of \$10,000 attorney fees approved by County to investigate legality of Tonkin Drain Project. Board requested more information, original request for proposal from Jackie Fitzgerald.**

CONSENT AGENDA

1. February 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:
2. February 23, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:
3. January Financial Report:
4. Sheriff's Report:
5. Cemetery and Grounds Report:
6. Sewer Department Report:
7. Water Department Report:
8. Building Department Report:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Drain Commission Law Letter: Sent, discussed proposed bills in drain package.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MDOT Proposal – Ferris Sidewalk: Saez to reach out to President Pink.
2. Principles of Governance: A motion was made by Saez to pledge to the Principles of Governance for 2026. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.
3. 2026 Fireworks: A motion was made by Saez to approve of the 2026 Permit for Fireworks. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Supervisor Spending Limit/Emergency Limit: A motion was made by Borkovich to increase the Supervisor spending limit to \$5,000, and \$10,000 in emergencies with the approval of two additional board members. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. Hall Roof Discussion: A motion was made by Marek to approve of the quote for a roof overlay as written in the amount of \$22,427.00. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. Assessor Contract: Tabled.
7. Good Friday: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of making Good Friday an unpaid Holiday. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Special Meeting, Data Center Input: A special meeting was set for 3/25/26 at 7pm to gather input from the public regarding data centers.
9. Industrial Park Price Adjustment: At the recommendation of our realtors, a motion was made by Marek to approve of a price adjustment to the amount of \$21,000 per acre. Supported by Welch. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Financial

1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$25,631.88. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Accounts Payables in the amount of \$188,792.95. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim and Darlene Squire, BRT property owners discussed listing property here due to junk accumulation at adjacent property. Gave history of clean up and time it's reverted. Inquired about next steps with Township.

ADJOURNMENT:8:47pm

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