

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m. ROLL CALL: Borkovich, Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Teceno, Welch present. Saez absent.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Sarah Dixon, Regional Chamber – touched on what the chamber is working on, the different levels of collaborators. They are interested in helping develop the Industrial Park. Asked Sarah to come to the meeting in September with more updates.

Chuck Ames, Heather Miller – Marketing Strategies for Industrial Park – Updates and requested renewal of contract. Marek made a motion to renew the Realtor contract for 1 year with Heather and Chuck. Supported by Everett. Motion passed on a roll call vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. May 6, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
- 2. April Financial Report:**
- 3. Sheriff's Report:**
- 4. Cemetery and Grounds Report:**
- 5. Sewer Department Report:**
- 6. Water Department Report:**
- 7. Building Department Report:**
- 8. Fire Department Update:**
- 9. May School Election Survey:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Big Rapids Regional Chamber Collaborator: A motion was made by Marek to approve of becoming a community collaborator with the Regional Chamber in the amount of \$400.00. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed 5-1. Everett, no.**
- 2. City Property Annexation Update: Bill Fahey can meet June 18th. Two board members have conflict so will ask for other dates.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Brian Miller- Public Safety Revenue Sharing: unable to attend, will arrange for next month**
- 2. ADA Door opener for Hall: A motion was made by Teceno to contract with SA Morman for ADA upgrades to the hall door and a panic button not to exceed \$7,400. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**
- 3. Gravel for 14 Mile & Gilbert LS Quotes: Tabled for more information and a third quote.**
- 4. Powerlines Project Introduction: Borkovich to reach out to ITC and request they come to a meeting to explain what they need from us.**
- 5. Sewer Lift Station Discussion: Waiting on MissDig Info from Northwest Kent before decisions are made.**
- 6. Resolution 2026-07: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Resolution 2026-07. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**
- 7. Resolution 2026-08: A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Resolution 2026-07. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**
- 8. Ordinance No. 24 – 2024 International Fire Code: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Ordinance No. 24. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed 5-1. Bechaz, no.**

Financial

- 1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$35,927.63. Supported by Teceno. 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 \$114,418.66. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30pm

Big Rapids Charter Township will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed material, if individuals with disabilities, upon five business days notice to the township. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Hannah Saez, Big Rapids Charter Township Clerk, 14212 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307- call 231 796 3603 or fax request to 231 796 2533.

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MECOSTA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION # 2026-07**

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act, including Section 4, the “80%/20%” Option, which limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to 80%; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Township to update its existing cost-sharing percentage to a new specified amount of 90%/10%, to remain fiscally responsible while providing quality benefits to its employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of Big Rapids Charter Township, County of Mecosta, Michigan, hereby adopts the following health insurance cost-sharing structure for the medical benefit plan coverage year beginning June 1, 2026.

1. **Township Contribution:** The Township shall pay 90% of the total annual cost of medical benefit plan premiums and associated costs.
2. **Employee Contribution:** The employee shall pay 10% of the total annual cost of medical benefit plan premiums and associated costs through payroll deduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contribution structure applies to all full-time employees and/or elected officials eligible for health insurance coverage as determined by the Township’s Personnel Policy and Handbook. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Clerk is authorized to implement these changes immediately.

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 1

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: 6/2/26

Hannah Saez, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF MECOSTA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Charter Township of Big Rapids, Mecosta County, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting on June 2, 2026, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976 as amended, including in the case of a special or rescheduled meeting, notice by posting at least eighteen (18) hours prior to the time set for the meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed by official signature on this 8th day of June, 2026.

Hannah Saez, Clerk
Charter Township of Big Rapids

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
MECOSTA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION # 2026-08**

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT A HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN (HDHP) AND ESTABLISH HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS (HSA) FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Big Rapids Charter Township ("Township") desires to provide quality, cost-effective health insurance benefits to its employees and officials; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to offer a health insurance plan that complies with Section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code regarding Health Savings Accounts (HSAs); and

WHEREAS, the adoption of an HSA-eligible High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) provides significant financial benefits to both the Township and its employees; and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to make contributions ("seed money") to the HSAs of eligible employees to assist with high deductibles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids Charter Township Board of Trustees hereby takes the following action:

Plan Adoption: The Township hereby adopts the Priority Health HSA POS Gold G341

1. High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) for eligible employees and officials, effective June 1, 2026.
2. **HSA Implementation:** The Township approves the establishment of an HSA program. Eligible employees may establish an HSA with a qualified custodian, Fidelity.
3. **Employer Contributions:** The Township agrees to contribute the following amounts to the HSA of each eligible employee, deposited on January 1st for the first half, and June 1st for the second half, for elected officials. For full-time employees, it will be deposited quarterly.
 - o **Single Coverage:** The current year Individual Max out of Pocket
 - o **Family Coverage:** The current year Maximum HSA contribution allowed
4. Employees hired after the start of the plan year will receive the HSA contribution based on the months remaining in the plan year.
5. **Authorization:** The Township Supervisor and/or Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any contracts, plan documents, or agreements necessary to implement this Resolution.
6. **Opt-out:** If an employee opts out of the health plan, they are eligible to receive the current HRA and Health buyout equivalent to whatever is approved by the board each year.

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