

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING *WEDNESDAY* AUGUST 5, 2026
BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP HALL, 14230 NORTHLAND DR.
BIG RAPIDS, MI 49307
7:00 PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 7, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:
2. July 16, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:
3. Election Commission Minutes:
4. June Financial Report:
5. Sheriff's Report:
6. Cemetery and Grounds Report:
7. Sewer Department Report:
8. Water Department Report:
9. Building Department Report:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Powerlines Project Introduction: Response from ITC noted in packet.
2. City Lift Station Maintenance Contract: Noted to transition in September.
3. CH Flats & Venlo Petitions: Update on new Petition request for Appraisals moving forward.
4. Ordinance 10.001: Draft – to be adopted at September meeting.
5. Sheriff Department Contract for PS Rev Sharing: A motion was made by Bechaz to approve of the contract. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. Sheriff Department Contract for Liquor Funds/Police Services: A motion was made by Marek to approve of the contract. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
7. Resolution 2026-10: Resolution of Support of Tonkin Analysis Release: A motion was made by Saez to approve of Resolution 2026-10. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution 2026-11: Resolution of Support of Safe Haven Baby Boxes: A motion was made by Saez to approve of Resolution 2026-11. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. MTA Training in October: Noted that Teceno, Marek, and Saez are going.
3. Fall Clean Up Volunteers – September 19: Volunteers needed, requested board members join.
4. Other:

Financial

1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$33,088.73. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$33,088.73. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brad Deal – Asked how our Dominion equipment was handled and election material was stored.

Kathy Deal – Asked about recall.

Brian Miller – Gave update on boat replacement request of Public Safety Revenue Sharing to replace.

Tom Kunse – Gave update on Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Kathy Smaltz is leading movement. Hospital and Firefighter Association are against it due to liability. Asked us to provide wording we want in a liability waiver. Easier to amend the bill at the committee level.

Dena Marek – Asked Tom Kunse for update on Drain Law being changed.

Tom Kunse – Some jurisdictions did not want to give up authority. Unlikely to be changed. Drain commissioner has more authority than the Governor, can tax properties without a vote. Must be changed.

Chris Zimmerman – Noted that the Michigan Association of Counties took one small part out of their Resolution.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15pm

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