

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 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, Bechaz, Everett, Marek, Saez, Teceno, Welch, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chris Zimmerman- Thanked board members for attending and speaking at Commissioner meeting. Received blessing of attorney to release the report on Tonkin. Provided cost analysis provided to him, draft of recalibration with target date of 1/1/27, copy of a letter to MDOT asking them to look into cost analysis.

Mayor Guenther – asked about MDOT/ no sidewalk on Northland and why they did not put one in. Borkovich gave update that they did not have the funding but hoped to in the next year.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: FEMA Floodplain Management – Update from Marek that attended virtual meeting. Updates/changes made to the flood maps. Not significantly different in BRT. Must adopt new maps into Ordinance for residents to get flood insurance, and should be ready by fall of 2027. They will help with Ordinance language.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. August 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
- 2. July Financial Report:**
- 3. Sheriff's Report:**
- 4. Sewer Department Report:**
- 5. Water Department Report:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Ordinance 10.001 Adoption: A motion was made by Saez to approve of Ordinance 10.001. Supported by Bechaz. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**
- 2. Wastewater Agreement: A motion was made by Marek to approve of the Wastewater Agreement with discussed additions discussed in the final version. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Deputy Supervisor: Carman Bean's retirement/resignation received. Amy Kailing was appointed as the new Deputy Supervisor.**
- 2. Ordinance 153.020 Amendment Draft: Presented.**
- 3. Resolution 2026-12: A motion to approve of Resolution 2026-12 was made by Bechaz. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**
- 4. Assessor Request: Discussion. Supervisor to meet with Assessor.**
- 5. Township Association Meeting at BRT 10/26, 6:30pm:**
- 6. Other:**

Financial

- 1. Payroll: A motion was made by Marek to approve of Payroll in the amount of \$33,914.15. Supported by Everett. 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 \$231,440.64. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brad Deal – asked about Ordinance update and Chicken Ordinance.

Randy LaPreze – Gave update about Mecosta Township Realtor asking people if they would sign a variance for a large-scale turkey farm but no official contact with Mecosta Board. Gave reason for Tonkin release vote. Gave brief update on Data Center meeting discussion in Village of Morley. Thanked Cathie Crew for printing the Tonkin report in the Pioneer.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm

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