BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY OCTOBER 6, 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:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE: Mecosta County EMS Request of Fire Station Use: Postponed until November meeting when Chief Schroeder and Craig Johnson can attend the meeting to discuss use.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **August 5, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes:**
2. **September 8, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes:**
3. **Election Commission Meeting Minutes:**
4. **July Financial Report:**
5. **Grounds Report:**
6. **Building Report: (August & September)**
7. **Sheriff's Report:**
8. **Sewer Department Report:**
9. **Water Department Report:**

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Township Association Meeting at BRT 10/26, 6:30pm:** Reminder given.
2. **Ordinance 153.020 Amendment Adoption:** A motion was made by Bechaz to adopt Ordinance 153.020. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. **Assessor Request:** Update from Borkovich on discussion with Assessor.
4. **Other:**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Chris Zimmerman – Request for cost sharing engineer review of Tonkin Drain Project:**
   A motion was made by Bechaz to approve contributing $3,800 to the County for the extra cost of the Engineer's report. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
   Everett shared concerned on Township covering the difference and wanting to ensure overages don't happen again.
   Saez shared similar concerns of Township assessment already being doubled and Residents being taxed multiple times and now using more to cover the County's overage. Both did not disagree with the support but felt unsure who's responsibility it should be and unsure how Residents would feel.
2. **Greg Shewan – Sidewalk improvements for ADA requirements:** A motion was made by Saez to allow Bruce to get quotes from local contractors for sidewalk improvements to be made on the West side of Northland Drive. Supported by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Budget Amendments:** A motion was made by Bechaz to approve of the budget amendments. Supported by Saez. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **ZBA Appointments – Chair of PC & one Trustee:** A motion was made by Saez to renew the current ZBA members for another 3 years, along with appointing the PC chair Jeff Oosterhouse and Trustee Joe Bechaz to the ZBA. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
5. **Other:**

Financial

1. **Payroll:** A motion was made by Teceno to approve of Payroll in the amount of $33,844.26. Supported by Marek. 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 $187,693.34. Supported by Teceno. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Randy Lapreeze – Update on new EMS equipment replacement.
Bill Routley – Paperwork presented to board tonight by Chris Zimmerman has not yet been given to BOC. Discussed plan with Karla (Drain Commissioner) reviewing suggested Resolution and did not happen as planned.
Greg Adams – Request for contributions presented tonight also not yet to BOC. All commissioners present requested Borkovich collect paperwork from everyone until BOC discusses. Request was complied with.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02pm

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