

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017
APPROVED**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Stanek, Fountain, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib present. Williams absent.
All lead in the pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mark Solis – District 6 County Commissioner, Julie Gallourakis – Cemetery access.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 6TH MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve with corrections to the December , 2016 minutes was made by Bean. Seconded by Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL

TREASURER’S REPORT: Approved as printed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Accounts Payable: A motion to approve the payment of bills presented in the amount of \$151,839.79 was made by Currie. Seconded by Geib. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Payroll: A motion to approve Payroll in the amount of \$23,651.06 was made by Everett. Seconded by Bean. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

1. **Building Department:**
2. **Cemetery and Grounds:**
3. **Fire Department :**
4. **Sewer Department:**
5. **Water Department:**
6. **Zoning Administrator:** Currie requested the Planning Commission revisit the definitions of cost and removing farm equipment and machinery from the Junk Ordinance.
7. **Board of Review**
8. **Cemetery Committee**
9. **Fire Committee:**
10. **Planning Commission**
11. **Supervisor:**

Approved as printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Library Service Contracts:** A motion to approve the Library Service Contracts with Walton Erickson Public Library and the Big Rapids Community Library was made by Everett. Seconded by Currie. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion to set mileage rate for 2017 at 53.5 cents.** A motion to set the mileage rate for

2017 at 53.5 cents per mile was made by Fountain. Seconded by Geib. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 2. **Resolution 2017-1 to accept Wastewater agreement for 2017.** A motion to approve Resolution 2017-1 to accept the Wastewater Agreement for 2017 was made by Bean. Seconded by Currie. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2017-1

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2017
BIG RAPIDS WASTEWATER USER CHARGE SYSTEM REPORT
AND AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN**

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Big Rapids, Big Rapids Charter Township and Green Township [the "Municipalities"] have met in committee to complete the 2017 User Charge Report [the "Report"], and

WHEREAS, the Report identifies City accounts utilized to quantify and track shared expenses in the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system, and sets the methodology of preparing the User Charge System Report, and

WHEREAS, the information about the collection system and treatment plant serving the Municipalities set forth in the Report will be used in the setting of wastewater rates and the preparation of future user charge system reports.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Big Rapids Charter Township accepts the 2017 Big Rapids Wastewater User Charge System Report as prepared by the participating municipalities, subject to the approval by the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Sciences and Services Division, and the Supervisor is authorized to accept and sign the Report on behalf of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rates established by the 2017 Report be charged to Big Rapids Charter Township effective January 1, 2017, shall be \$5.51 per unit (1 unit = 1,000 gallons) and the rate charged to Green Township effective January 1, 2017 shall be \$5.43 per unit (1 unit = 1,000 gallons) exclusive of IPP charges as provided in this report.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Bean and supported by Currie.

Ayes: Bean, Currie, Everett, Geib, Fountain, Stanek. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Williams

The Supervisor declared the resolution approved.

Rene Fountain, 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 January 3, 2017, 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 3rd day of January 2017.

Rene Fountain, Clerk
Charter Township of Big Rapids

3. **Motion to renew Water Plant contract with Kevin Cushway.** A motion to renew the Water Plant contract with Kevin Cushway for \$12,500.00/year was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. **Authorization to sign agreement with Progressive AE for SAW grant.** Tabled. Stanek will have Eric Williams review the agreement and agreement provisions.
5. **Motion to allow Fire Department to spend up to \$36,000 on 6 sets of Turn out gear and two SCBA's.** A motion to allow the Fire Department to spend up to \$36,000 on 6 sets of turn out gear and 2 SCBA's was made by Everett. Seconded by Bean. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. **Motion to hire Dominic Rudd as a fire fighter.** A motion to hire Dominic Rudd as a fire fighter was made by Everett. Seconded by Bean. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Currie – Board consider the increase in state road tax and the road tax millage and additional monies from the budget for roads.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:33 p.m.