

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
APPROVED**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wayne O'Neil – Junk Ordinance

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: none

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: none

CORRESPONDENCE: FOIA Request:

APPROVAL OF: August 7th MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the August 7, 2018 minutes as printed was made by Bean. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL

1. **July Treasurer Report:** Approved as printed.
2. **Financial Report:** Approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

1. **Accounts Payable:** A motion to approved Accounts Payable in the amount of \$353,368.69 checks #31205-#31238 and 5 electronic checks was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. **Payroll:** A motion to approve Payroll in the amount of \$24,329.99 checks #11287-#11332 and stub 8 was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

1. **Building/Planning Department:**
2. **Cemetery and Grounds:**
3. **Fire Department:**
4. **Sewer Department:**
5. **Water Department:**
6. **Cemetery Task Force:**
7. **Fire Committee:**
8. **Planning Commission:**
9. **Supervisor:**
Approved as printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Woodward property update:** no action
2. **Fall Clean up date changed to Sept 29, 2018** no action

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **2019 Budget presentation:** no action
2. **Resolution opposing HB 6049 and SB 1025 changing assessing:** A motion to approve Resolution 2018-05 was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-05**

Opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025

WHEREAS, House Bill (HB) 6049 and Senate Bill (SB) 1025 seeks to completely restructure the tax assessing process in Michigan by moving responsibility for assessing from the local units to the various County Equalization Offices, and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 will significantly increase Big Rapids Charter Township's costs, to provide the assessing services, and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 does not identify an adequate source of revenue to cover the Township's additional costs, as the assumption that the 1% administrative fee will be adequate to fund the changes is in grave error, and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 will therefore result in an un/underfunded mandate to Big Rapids Charter Township in violation of Article IX Section 29 of the Michigan Constitution which states in part: "*A new activity or service or an increase in the level of any activity or service beyond that required by existing law shall not be required by the legislature or any state agency of*

units of Local Government, unless a state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of Local Government for any necessary increased costs.”, and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 mandated changes to Boards of Review will not be attainable as written due to inadequate numbers of qualified volunteers to staff the Boards, and

WHEREAS, HB 6049/SB 1025 appears to be a solution in search of a problem that does not exist in Big Rapids Charter Township, or a one size fits all solution that will not in fact serve any jurisdiction well, now.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Big Rapids Charter Township Board does hereby oppose HB 6049/SB 1025.

The foregoing resolution was offered by: Currie. Supported by Bean.
Ayes: Currie, Bean, Geib, Everett, Fountain, Stanek. Nays: 0 Absent: Williams

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Rene Fountain, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Big Rapids

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 September 4, 2018, 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 4th day of September, 2018.

Rene Fountain, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Big Rapids

- 3. **IT Right renewal:** A motion to renew the IT Right Service contract from 10/01/2018-09/30/2019 in the amount of \$1,600.00 was made by Currie. Seconded by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 4. **MCDC Support Request:** Jim Sandy President of MCDC discussed the services provided by the organization and the interest in the industrial park.
A motion to support MCDC in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the calendar year 2018 was made by Bean. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 5. **Fire Department request for 2 sets of Turn Out Gear (\$6216.02):** A motion to approve 2 sets of turn-out gear in the amount of \$6,216.02 was made by Bean. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
- 6. **Request for support for Nawal’s Liquor License:** A motion to approve Resolution 2018-06 was made by Currie. Seconded by Geib. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-06**

At a regular meeting of the Big Rapids Charter Township Board called to order by William Stanek on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. the following resolution was offered by:

Moved by **Currie** and supported by **Geib**
that the application from **Nawal’s Mediterranean Grille for a Class C or Tavern license**
to be located at: **14253 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307.**

It is the consensus of this body that it recommends this application be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

If disapproved, the reasons for disapproval are: NA

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

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Big Rapids Township

7. **Steps in front of office:** A motion to approve Olsson Concrete Construction LLC and Cook's Blacksmith Welding to remove and replace the steps and railing in front of the Township Offices in the amount of \$12,134.98 was made by Fountain. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
8. **Audit for 2018:** A motion to get bids for the 2018 Audit with (2) 1 year renewals was made by Geib. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig McGuir thanked the board for supporting Nawal's Mediterranean Grille.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.