

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016  
APPROVED**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Stanek, Currie, Fountain, Jensen, Hamelund, Toogood, Zimmerman present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tom O'Neil – New County Commissioner, Wayne O'Neil – Zoning Map, Jason Briscoe – running for State Representative, Bob Maguire – Clay Cliffs property.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Add to Old Business Big Rapids Little League, and Old Millpond Mining Operation. Motion to approve Agenda with additions was made by Toogood. Seconded by Currie. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES:** A motion to approve with corrections the April 2016 minutes was made by Currie. Seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT AND REVENUE & EXPENDITURE REPORT:** March Treasurer's Report and the Revenue & Expenditure accepted as printed.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL:** A motion to approve the payment of bills presented in the amount of \$66,981.32 and payroll in the amount of \$21,854.28 was made by Toogood. Seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried on roll call vote.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

1. **Building Department:** Written
2. **Fire Department:** Written
3. **Grounds and Maintenance:** Written
4. **Sewer Department:** Written
5. **Water Department:** Written
6. **Cemetery Committee.** Written
7. **Election Committee.** Written
8. **Fire Committee:** Written
9. **Library Committee:** Written.
10. **Planning Commission:** Written
11. **Supervisor:** Written

Approved as printed

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Perry Street Sidewalk:** A motion to authorize the supervisor and clerk to sign contracts to go ahead with the Perry Street Sidewalk except the area over the sewer problem from Waldron Way to Wesco Gas Station was made by Hamelund. Seconded by Toogood. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote. Fountain absent for vote.
2. **Perry Street Sewer:** Presentation from Mike Oezer explaining the sewer problems on Perry Street along with possible solutions.
3. **Ordinance Update Public Hearing:** No Action.
4. **Engles/Legree Property:** No Action.
5. **Old Millpond Mining Operation:** Supervisor to research and discuss at the June meeting.
6. **Big Rapids Little League:** A motion to allow Big Rapids Little League to use Highbanks Park per published schedule at the discretion of the Grounds and Maintenance Manager and that they are responsible for opening and closing of the gate until May 15, 2016 was made by Hamelund. Seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Brining of Roads:** A motion to approve the 2016 Dust Control Contract with the Mecosta County Road Commission for the first round to be paid by the Road Commission and the one additional

bringing at the cost of \$1,900 was made by Currie. Seconded by Jensen. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

- 2. **Resolution to support Road Commission 15 mile grant:** A motion to approve Resolution 2016-05 to support the Mecosta County Road Commission seeking a funding grant for 15 Mile Road was made by Jensen. Seconded by Currie. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**RESOLUTION 2016-05 TO SUPPORT MECOSTA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION SEEKING A FUNDING GRANT FOR 15 MILE ROAD**

**WHEREAS**, the Mecosta County Road Commission is applying to the Small Urban Transportation Program 2018-2020 for a funding Grant for 15 Mile Road between 205<sup>th</sup> and 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Big Rapids Charter Township of Mecosta County, and

**WHEREAS**, 15 Mile Road is currently a rural asphalt roadway with a mix of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic, with this being a connection between Ferris State University and the Big Rapids High School and a new and expanding urban retail area located in this area, and

**WHEREAS**, 15 Mile Road has deteriorated beyond general maintenance needs and the Big Rapids Charter Township has concerns about the existing surface conditions of 15 Mile Road and the impact that this section of road has on the traveling public not only to the High School Facility but beyond to the urban expansion of retail stores along 215<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and

**WHEREAS**, the Big Rapids Charter Township shares the concerns of the Mecosta County Board of Road Commissioners, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Big Rapids Charter Township supports the Mecosta County Board of Road Commissioners in their effort to obtain a Small Urban Transportation Grant to reconstruct this section of 15 Mile Road.

The foregoing resolution was offered by: Jensen. Seconded by Currie.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Absent: 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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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 May 3, 2016, 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 May, 2016.

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Rene Fountain, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Big Rapids

3. **Fireworks request:** A motion to approve the Jaycee's fireworks permit for July 4, 2016 was made by Jensen. Seconded by Fountain. Motion carried.
4. **Fire Department request to bill Consumers Power:** A motion to submit the fire department bill to Consumers Power and if they dispute the bill we drop it was made by Fountain. Seconded by Jensen. Motion failed on a roll call vote. Fountain yes, Jensen yes, Currie no, Hamelund no, Toogood no, Zimmerman no, Stanek yes.
5. **Grounds and Maintenance request to purchase Billy Goat:** A motion to purchase an 18HP Vanguard Billy Goat from Weingartz in the amount of \$2,975 was made by Hamelund. Seconded by Zimmerman. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.
6. **Server replacement purchase:** A motion to purchase the Server Basic from I.T. Right in the amount of \$3,525 was made by Hamelund. Seconded by Toogood. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wayne O'Neil – Drone. Bob Maguire – Library.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:14 p.m.

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Clerk

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Supervisor