

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019
APPROVED**

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. ROLL CALL: Stanek, Fountain, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib, present. Merendino absent.
Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Shriver – Junk Ordinance clean up.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Gilbert and 14 Mile Rd Traffic under new business.

**CORRESPONDENCE: Planning Commission resignation:
Speed Study Request:**

SPECIAL APPEARANCE: Madison Residence--speed study: Linda Mikols, Mary Kay Anderson, Mary Kay MacIver, Russell Barratt.

A motion to request a speed study from the road commission on Madison Avenue from the city limits to 220th was made by Bean. Seconded by Currie. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Sandy-- Mecosta County Development Corporation: Jim Sandy discussed MCDC's activities.

APPROVAL OF: July 2nd meeting minutes: A motion to approve July 2, 2019 minutes as printed was made by Everett. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL

1. **Treasurer Report June:** approved as printed.
2. **Financial Report:** approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

1. **Accounts Payable:** A motion to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$76,817.26 for the check numbers as printed on report 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 \$21,723.46 for the check numbers as printed on the report was made by Currie. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed 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. **Board of Review:**
7. **Cemetery Committee:**
8. **Supervisor:**
Approved as printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Mecosta County Development Corporation 2019 support:** A motion to pay MCDC \$4,000.00 with the stipulation that they provide a written semi-annual report to the board to be included in the board packet was made by Fountain. Seconded by Everett. Stanek – yes, Fountain – yes, Currie – yes, Bean – no, Everett – yes, Geib – no. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Consumers Power Contract resolutions:** A motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the standard lighting contract was made by Currie. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with Merendino absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-02

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE LIGHTING SERVICE AS PROVIDED IN THE STANDARD LIGHTING CONTRACT

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the Township of Big Rapids, dated 4/1/2013, in accordance with the Authorization for Change in Standard Lighting Contract dated August 6, 2019,

heretofore submitted to and considered by this board; and

RESOLVED, further, that the Township Clerk is authorized to execute such authorization for change on the behalf of the Township.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Currie and supported by Everett.
Ayes: Stanek, Fountain, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Merendino.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF MECOSTA)

Rene Fountain, Township Clerk

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 August 6, 2019, 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 6th day of August 2019.

Rene Fountain, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Big Rapids

A motion to approve Resolution 2019-03 to contract with Consumers Energy Company to furnish lighting service to the Township was made by Currie. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote with Merendino absent.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-03

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY TO FURNISH LIGHTING SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLVED, that it is hereby deemed advisable to enter into a contract with Consumers Energy Company of Jackson, Michigan, for furnishing lighting service within Big Rapids Charter Township for a period of 2 years and thereafter from year to year, in accordance with the terms of the contract heretofore submitted to and considered by this board: and

RESOLVED, further, that the Supervisor and the Clerk be and are authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Township.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Currie and supported by Everett.
Ayes: Stanek, Fountain, Currie, Bean, Everett, Geib. Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Merendino.

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- 2. **Request from cemetery building committee to go out for building bids:** A motion to allow the Cemetery Committee to go out for bids on the building at the cemetery was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. **Request to change hours at High Banks:** A motion to change the hours at High Banks Park per Brandon's recommendation was made by Bean. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. **Appointment of Mike Bigford to planning commission to finish the term of Bob Hampson.** A motion to accept the resignation of Bob Hampson was made by Currie. Seconded by Bean. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion to appoint Mike Bigford to the planning commission was made by Fountain. Seconded by Geib. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Fall Cleanup:** A motion for the township to hold a fall cleanup for 2019 was made by Currie. Seconded by Everett. Motion passed unanimously.
6. **Gilbert and 14 Mile Rd traffic:** no action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandon Maneke – Gilbert traffic. Wendy Nystrom – traffic study.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15