

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 02/12/24 PG. 1

The Regular Meeting of the Berlin Charter Township Board was held at 8000 Swan View Newport, Michigan called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Dave Reaume, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL: Supervisor Dave Reaume, Clerk Denise Sovey-Meyer, Treasurer Deborah Masserant, Trustees Jim Geiermann, Kelly Long, Robert Masserant, John Sorovetz.

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Approximately 6 residents were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by R. Masserant seconded by Long to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by Sorovetz seconded by Geiermann to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (1/24/24).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

MOTION #3: by Long seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the Michigan Gas Utilities Case No U-21441.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #4: by R. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the GLWA letter.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #5: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the Citizen for Local Choice Ballot Petition.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. BUILDING OFFICIALS RESUMES

MOTION #6: by Long seconded by D. Masserant to approve Bill Carter as the Building official.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Sovey-Meyer, Long, D. Masserant, Geiermann, D. Reaume, R. Masserant, Sorovetz.

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. BUILDING INSPECTOR RAISE REQUESTS (BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL)

MOTION #7: by R. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the building inspector raise request to \$60 per inspection.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Sorovetz, Geiermann, R. Masserant, Sovey-Meyer, D. Reaume, D. Masserant, Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. ZONING ADMINSTRATOR STIPEND

MOTION #8: by D. Masserant seconded by D. Reaume to approve the Zoning Administrator stipend.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Masserant, Sorovetz, Long, Sovey-Meyer, D. Reaume, R. Masserant
No: Geiermann

MOTION CARRIED

4. MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO 01-24

MOTION #9: by Sorovetz seconded by Geiermann to approve the Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation Franchise Ordinance No 01-24

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Reaume, Sovey-Meyer, D. Masserant, Long, Sorovetz, Geiermann, R. Masserant
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. 2024 BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION- PLANNING COMMISSION

MOTION #10: by D. Reaume seconded by D. Masserant to approve the recommendation by the Supervisor that Ann Nordyke be appointed to Planning Commission through December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Long, R. Masserant, Sovey-Meyer, D. Masserant, D. Reaume, Sorovetz, Geiermann
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

6. 2024 BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION- ZBA

MOTION #11: by D. Reaume seconded by Sovey-Meyer to approve the recommendation by the Supervisor that Joan Rowe be appointed to the ZBA as a second alternate for the ZBA through December 31, 2027

ROLL CALL: Yes: R. Masserant, Sovey-Meyer, Sorovetz, Long, Geiermann, D. Reaume, D. Masserant
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

7. PROBATIONARY FIRE FIGHTER- BLAKE SHIPE

MOTION #12: by D. Masserant seconded by R. Masserant to approve the probationary fire fighter Blake Shipe.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Geiermann, D. Reaume, R. Masserant, D. Masserant, Sovey-Meyer, Sorovetz, Long
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMISSION AND REPORTS

1. SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisor spoke on the following:

- Quarry put up signs with speed limit enforcements
- March 5th Board of Review
- Grass cutting contract
- Parks & rec grant
- Dump day 3rd Saturday in April- have dumpsters at the township hall

2. CLERKS PREPAID BILLS OF BILLS 1/2024

MOTION #13: by Geiermann seconded by Long to approve the Clerk’s prepaid bills 1/2024 written on check #'s 59426-59455, 59469-59490, 59491-59498, 59506-59540 and 2 EFT transfers for a total amount of \$502,646.76.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. CLERKS PAYMENT OF BILLS 1/2024

MOTION #14: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to approve the Clerk’s payment of bills 1/2024 written on check #'s 59563-59572 for a total amount of \$8,565.60.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Reaume, Sovey-Meyer, D. Masserant, Long, Sorovetz, Geiermann, R. Masserant.

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. CLERKS BUDGET REPORT 1/2024

MOTION #15: by Long seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the Clerk’s Budget Report from 1/2024.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. TREASURERS REPORT 12/2023 & 1/2024

MOTION#16: by Sorovetz seconded by Long to receive and file the Treasurers report from 12/2023 & 1/2024.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

BOARD COMMENTS

- Petition the road commission to possibly widen or get a sidewalk on Newport Road by Burger King

REQUEST TO SPEAK

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION # 17: by Geiermann seconded by Sorovetz to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

These minutes are a synopsis of the comments made at a regular meeting and are not intended to represent a verbatim transcript.

Denise E. Sovey-Meyer, CMC

Sarah Masserant, Recording Secretary