

## **BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 6/23/2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Berlin Charter Township Board was held at 8000 Swan View, Newport, Michigan called to order at 6:00 PM by Supervisor Mary Jo Gedelian, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL: Supervisor Mary Jo Gedelian, Clerk Gina Swiercz, Treasurer Deborah Masserant, Trustees Kyle Long, Neil Masserant, John Sorovetz.  
Excused: Kellie Long

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance township accessor, Chris Nordstrom- Carlise Wortman, Patrick Lewis and 3 residents.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #1:** by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #2:** by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (6/09/25).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **COMMUNICATION**

#### **1. STATE OF MICHIGAN- CASE NO. U-16653**

**MOTION #3:** by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the State of Michigan Case No. U-16653

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **1. DR. BELL LEASE/UTILITY BILL REVIEW**

**MOTION #4:** by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to have the township pay the utilities beginning October 2024 when the lease was assumed through the end of this contract and request the township attorney to create an amendment to reflect this change.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Sorovetz, Kyle Long, N. Masserant, Swiercz, Gedelian, D. Masserant

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. LAGINESS PARK GRANT UPDATE & POTENTIAL FITNESS COURT- CARLISLE WORTMAN**

No motion was made on this agenda item. A discussion took place about the Laginess Park Grant update & potential fitness court. Park & Rec committee to have a meeting. April 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 is the next grant opportunity.

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**2. SOUTH ROCKWOOD GRANT PLANS/NON-MOTORIZED PROGRAM REQUEST FOR SUPPORT- PATRICK LEWIS**

No motion was made on this agenda item. A discussion took place to have Mary Jo (Supervisor) sign a letter of support for the South Rockwood grant plans/ non-motorized program.

**3. SEMCOG MEMBERSHIP**

**MOTION #5:** by N. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to approve the SEMCOG membership to not exceed \$1,519 for 12-month period.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Sorovetz, Kyle Long, N. Masserant, Swiercz, Gedelian, D. Masserant

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. EMC- COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC ENTITY PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL**

**MOTION #6:** by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the increase property insurance coverage renewal.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Masserant, Sorovetz, Kyle Long, Swiercz, Gedelian, N. Masserant

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSION AND REPORT**

**1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

The Supervisor spoke about the following:

- Replacement of concrete at the new township offices. Concrete was poured today.
- Tax Tribunal case- Supervisor involvement.

**2. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM JUNE 7TH THROUGH JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> 2025**

**MOTION #7:** by Sorovetz seconded by Kyle Long to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from June 7<sup>th</sup> 2025- June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 written on checks 61466-61467, 61468-61514, 61515-61535 and 3 EFT's totaling \$204,482.75

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

- No Major updates

**4. FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT**

- Had a meeting last Thursday made some modifications to the blueprints. Going to share the modifications with Ray from Hennessey Engineers

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- Mary Jo reported on the roof leak at Station #2
- Kyle asked about the sound system/microphones for board meetings. Mary Jo is looking into it.

**REQUEST TO SPEAK**

- One (1) resident commented on the Grants and willing to help.

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- One (1) resident commented on the supervisor being transparent with her Supervisor comments.
- Assessor requested a copy of supervisor statement on Tax Tribunal case.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #8:** by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

**MOTION CARRIED**

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

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Gina Swiercz, Clerk

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Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor