

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 8/11/2025

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 Debbie Masserant, Trustees Kyle Long, Neil Masserant, John Sorovetz.
Excused: Kellie Long

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to approve the agenda.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (7/28/25).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATION

1. DTE - CASE NO. U-21440 and U-21919

MOTION #3: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file DTE Case No. U-21440 and U-21919.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. SEMCOG: RE: TRAILS

No motion was made on this agenda item. A presentation was provided by Dr. Sheryl Theriot on the opportunities our SEMCOG membership can offer. Dr. Theriot will follow-up with a copy of the presentation and connect the board with the SEMCOG planner re: potential grant availability.

2. STONECO-NEWPORT CONSOLIDATED CONSENT JUDGMENT

MOTION #4: by Sorovetz seconded by N. Masserant to move forward with an annual inspection for compliance with consent judgment contingent with assistance from the township's attorney or engineer on the review.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

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COMMISSION AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor spoke about the following:

- Newport Library roof has been completed.
- In contact with MDOT re: roundabout weed cutting and reinstallation of sign that was knocked down by a motorist.
- Interviewers for the assessor will take place this week.
- WWTP superintendent working with company for reimbursement of costs incurred during the water main break it caused on Newport Road.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION #5: by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the 7/2025 Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. CLERK'S BUDGET REPORT

MOTION #6: by Sorovetz seconded by Kyle Long to receive and file the 7/2025 Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM JULY 25TH THROUGH AUGUST 8TH 2025

MOTION #7: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from July 25th, 2025- August 8th, 2025 written on checks 61694-61707, 61712-61735, and 2 EFTs totaling \$181,016.38.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- The two showings that occurred since last meeting – one group could not afford the buildout of space and the other company is still considering.
- Engineers are about 6-8 weeks out for bids on mechanical and electrical drawings and during that time the township will most likely be provided with material samples to make selection decisions.

6. FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

- No updates

BOARD COMMENTS

- Neil asked about the potential of having Supervisor Gedelian and resident Sue Wagers attend the next Village of South Rockwood planning meeting re: potential to connect bike paths. Supervisor Gedelian will look into the date of next meeting.
- Clerk Swiercz shared that the Community College will have a proposal on the ballot for the November 4, 2025 election.

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REQUEST TO SPEAK

- One resident asked about the progress on the recycling program.
- One resident requested an extension until November 1 for the shipping container on her property while planning to build a pole barn.

MOTION #8: by Gedelian seconded by Kyle Long to extend the use of the shipping container until November 1, 2025, contingent on pole barn plans being submitted to the Building Department.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #9: by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long

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.

Gina Swiercz, Clerk

Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor