

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 9/08/2025

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 Kellie Long, Kyle Long, Neil Masserant, John Sorovetz.

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, Hillary Haywood, Jim Hollandsworth (township engineer), Kerry Bondy (township attorney) were in attendance and 15 residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by Kellie Long seconded by D. Masserant to amend the agenda to add under unfinished business Republic Proposal.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (8/25/25).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. NEW BUILDING SIGN-MI CUSTOM SIGNS

MOTION #3: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to postpone until we receive multiple bids and specifications for what needs to be on the sign.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. MCRC- LABO RD CROSS TILE REPLACEMENT

MOTION #4: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the MCRC-Labo Rd Cross Tile Replacement to not exceed \$4,363.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER- RYDER MULHERIN

MOTION#5: by Sorovetz seconded by Kellie Long to approve the probationary firefighter Ryder Mulherin.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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4. RESOLUTION EXEMPTION- PULBIC ACT 152 OF 2011 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

MOTION #6: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to approve the resolution exemption public act 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2026.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION IN RESOLUTION BOOK (12/10/18-CURRENT) PAGE 168 & 169

5. NEWPORT CREEK DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

No motion was made. Just a discussion took place between the residents' complaints about the Newport Creek Development. The developers (Ron Cook and John Mazzie) were also at the meeting and voiced their issues. Our township attorney and engineer will be looking at the consent judgement and the development agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. REPUBLIC PROPOSAL

MOTION #7: by Kellie Long seconded by N. Masserant to postpone until automatic renewal is gone, redline terms and conditions, service notes and a representative from Republic personally attends one of our township meetings.

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

No: None

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Hired a full-time assessor

2. TREASUER'S REPORT 8/2025

MOTION #8: by Sorovetz seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the Treasurer's report from 8/2025.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. CLERK'S BUDGET REPORT 8/2025

MOTION #9: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's Budget report 8/2025.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

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4. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM AUGUST 21ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 4TH 2025

MOTION #10: by Sorovetz seconded by Kyle Long to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from August 21ST -September 4th, 2025 written on checks 61772-61786, 61795-61808, and 2 EFTs totaling \$334,750.77.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. CLERK'S PAYMENT OF BILLS 9/09/25

MOTION #11: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to approve the clerk's payment of bills for 9/09/25 in the amount of \$1,867.27.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- No major updates

7. FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Spoke with Chief Bob Cousino regarding Hybrid program. Waiting on survey being conducted of Monroe County firefighters pay scales – this will help in determining what will be needed going forward.
- Considering potential lounge renovations or possibility of a trailer on the current site for sleeping quarters if the Hybrid or full-time firefighters are to be implemented.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Kellie Long shared traffic with schools- talking to the road commission and also reaching out to SEMCOG
- Neil Masserant mentioned any update on planner bids from two (2) additional planners for review

REQUEST TO SPEAK

- (1) resident spoke about shipping containers
- (1) resident spoke about fire calls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #12: by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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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