

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 11/24/2025

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: Trustee Kellie Long

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance twenty- nine (29) residents, Blight officer, Austin Gessner, Kerry Bondy (Township attorney)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by N. Masserant seconded by Gedelian to amend the agenda. to move Public Comment before New Business.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (11/10/25).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eight (8) residents and one (1) commercial industrial realtor spoke about Data Center dislikes/ likes

Some of the dislikes residents brought up were:

- What are the zoning requirements for a data center, family members of the property in question to be removed from voting, noise & light pollution, increase electricity, loss of wildlife, how other residents feel who have data centers in their communities, establish an ordinance that protects the residents, study about the long-term effects of data centers

Some likes residents and the commercial industrial realtor brought up were:

- Major tax revenue, high paying jobs, minimum usage of water for closed loop cooling system, increased money to the schools

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #3: by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to have N. Masserant abstain from the voting of the Data Center Moratorium Resolution due to conflict of interest.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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1. DATA CENTER MORATORIUM RESOLUTION

MOTION #4: by Sorovetz seconded by Kyle Long to approve the data center moratorium resolution with one revision to the effective date. That revision to change the effective date to 180 days.

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

Excused: Kellie Long, N. Masserant

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. 2026 PAY RATES ELECTED OFFICIALS & NON-UNION EMPLOYEES RESOLUTION

MOTION #5: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the 2026 Pay Rates Elected Officials & Non-Union Employees Resolution

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

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. 2026 UNION CONTRACT PAY INCREASES

MOTION #6: by D. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to approve the 2026 Union Contract Pay Increases.

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

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. FIRE DEPT PURCHASE REQUEST- PHOENIX OUTFITTERS- \$16,980.00

MOTION #7: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to approve the purchase request for Phoenix Outfitters to not exceed \$16,980.00.

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

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

COMMISSION AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Dump day we had 90 residents
- Contacted a vendor for new sound system but they can't accommodate our needs
- Anyone is welcome to send the supervisor information for the Data Center

2. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM NOVEMBER 7TH 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 20TH 2025

MOTION #8: by Sorovetz seconded by N. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from November 7- November 20, 2025, written on checks 62067-62106 and 1 EFT totaling \$125,753.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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3. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Starting December 1st start to post for bids for a contractor.

4. FIRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing

BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee N. Masserant asked if we get a certain amount of stone from the quarry every year. Asked if we could use this stone on Joanne Drive and to get quotes for trucking the stone out of the quarry.

MOTION #9: by N. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to get quotes for trucking the stone out of the quarry and to use the stone from the quarry on Joanne Drive.

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

Excused: Kellie Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

- All the board members wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In observance of Thanksgiving, the township offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #10 by Kyle Long seconded by Sorovetz to adjourn the meeting at 7:05PM.

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.

Gina Swiercz, Clerk

Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor