

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 02/09/2026

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.
Excused: John Sorovetz

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance twelve (12) residents, Kerry Bondy (attorney) and Ray (Hennesey engineer).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Sorovetz

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by Kellie Long seconded by D. Masserant to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (1/26/26).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Sorovetz

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

1. GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY PROPOSED FY 2027 NOTICE OF CHARGES

MOTION#3: by D. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to receive and file the Great Lakes Water Authority proposed FY 2027 notice of charges.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Sorovetz

MOTION CARRIED

2. LEGISLATIVELY DIRECT SPENDING APPLICATION- FLAT ROCK SUBS SEWER CONNECTION

MOTION #4: by Kellie Long seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the legislatively direct spending application for the Flat Rock Sub sewer connection.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Sorovetz

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. NEW BUILDING SIGN QUOTES

MOTION #5: by Kellie Long seconded by D. Masserant to approve the New Building sign from MI Custom Signs to not exceed \$27,177 with the condition of the sign variance being approved.

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

Excused: Sorovetz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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NEW BUSINESS

1. STORAGE CONTAINERS ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 03-26- SECOND READING

MOTION #6: by D. Masserant seconded by Swiercz to approve the storage containers zoning ordinance amendment 03-26 second reading.

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

2. REPEAL BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP JUNKYARDS ORDINANCE 04-26- SECOND READING

MOTION #7: by N. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to approve the repeal Berlin Charter Township junkyard ordinance 04-26 second reading.

ROLL CALL: Yes: D. Masserant, Kellie Long, Kyle Long, Swiercz, Gedelian, N. Masserant
Excused: Sorovetz No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

3. ROCKWOOD AUTO PARTS LICENSE RENEWAL

MOTION #8: by Kellie Long seconded by Swiercz to take no action.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Gedelian, Swiercz, D. Masserant, Kellie Long, Kyle Long, N. Masserant
Excused: Sorovetz No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

4. NEW BUILDING RENOVATION BID RECOMMENDATION

MOTION #9: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to approve the Bid from Sole' Building Company, Inc. in the amount of \$867,000 with a 10% contingency for a total amount of \$953,700 and allow supervisor to execute the contract.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Kellie Long, N. Masserant, Swiercz, D. Masserant, Gedelian, Kyle Long
Excused: Sorovetz No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

5. MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 2026 LOCAL ROADS IMPROVEMENT PLAN ESTIMATES

MOTION #10: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to postpone this until next board meeting.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL No: NONE
Excused: Sorovetz **MOTION CARRIED**

6. MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 2026 DUST CONTROL AGREEMENT

MOTION #11: by N. Masserant seconded by D. Masserant to approve the Monroe County Road Commission 2026 Dust Control Agreement to not exceed \$14,500.

ROLL CALL: Yes: N. Masserant, Swiercz, Kellie Long, Kyle Long, Gedelian, D. Masserant
Excused: Sorovetz No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

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7. MONROE COUNTRY ROAD COMMISSION 2026 ROAD RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

MOTION #12: by Kellie Long seconded by Kyle Long to approve the Monroe County Road Commission 2026 Right of Way Maintenance Agreement to not exceed \$48,000.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Kyle Long, Gedelian, N. Masserant, D. Masserant, Swiercz, Kellie Long
Excused: Sorovetz
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

8. ADOPTION OF MTA PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE

MOTION #13: by Kellie Long seconded by Swiercz to approve the adoption of the MTA principles of Governance.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Gedelian, Swiercz, D. Masserant, Kellie Long, Kyle Long, N. Masserant
Excused: Sorovetz
No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSION AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Meeting with Flat Rock about the sewer connection.
- Maintenance person (Mike) preparing a meeting room at the new building for the next planning commission meeting.
- Friday night and into Saturday morning water main break on Swan Creek.
- Fire Station #2 had broken water lines – Erie Welding out on 2/10/26 to repair.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT 01/2026

MOTION #14: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the Treasurer's report of 01/2026.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Sorovetz

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

3. CLERK'S BUDGET REPORT 01/2026

MOTION #15: by D. Masserant seconded by N. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's budget report of 01/2026.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Sorovetz

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

4. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM JANUARY 22nd THROUGH FEBRUARY 5TH 2026

MOTION #16: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from January 22nd through February 5th, 2026, written on checks 62343-62359, 62367-62385 and 3 EFT totaling \$124,033.79.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Sorovetz

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

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BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee Kellie Long asked about having Meijer provide an update at a future board meeting and set up a site visit of the new facility; and have Stoneco come to a future board meeting regarding community partnership. Jeeps parked across from the Meijer Warehouse.
- Trustee N. Masserant asked about the water main break cause.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

- One resident spoke about sewer line to flat rock residents.
- One resident provided suggestion on wages and any bids on the new building.
- One resident spoke about the ordinance amendments approved earlier in the meeting and the next planning commission meeting being cancelled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- In observance of the President's Day holiday, the township office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #17: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Sorovetz

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