

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 03/23/2026

The Regular Meeting of the Berlin Charter Township Board was held at 7825 N. Dixie Hwy, 2nd Floor, Newport, Michigan, and 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 Neil Masserant, John Sorovetz.
Excused: Kellie Long and Kyle Long

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance eighteen (18) residents and Jason Dobson (WWTP Superintendent).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by N. Masserant seconded by D. Masserant to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes (3/09/26).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. WWTP UPDATE

A. MOTION #3: by D. Masserant seconded by N. Masserant to approve the purchase of 600 new water meters to not exceed \$180,000 plus shipping.

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

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

B. MOTION #4: by N. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the replacement of the WWTP roof bid from Damshroder Roofing Inc. to not exceed \$53,964.79.

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

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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2. NEWPORT CREEK PHASE 4 AGREEMENT

MOTION #5: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve the Newport Creek Phase 4 Agreement.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. BUGLE UPDATE

MOTION #6: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to approve LPI for the bugle publication twice a year, after Kerry Bondy (attorney) reviews the contract.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONS AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Contacted Monroe County Road Commission and StoneCo contributing \$20,000 toward the project to replace the culvert on Roberts Road and we can use the Excess Right of Way money to cover the remaining costs.
- Panel of Fence at Newport library repaired by Fast Fence for \$400.
- Attending the Monroe County Bicycle/Pathways Advisory Committee on 3/25/26 and meeting with Patrick Lewis to discuss work done in South Rockwood.
- Contacted the Monroe County Road Commission re: no posted speed limit signs from 275 to the Roundabout on Newport Road following resident complaints.
- Sign variance for upgrade of sign at new building approved at Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on 3/17/26.
- Bid for tires. Received two bids. The highest bid was from Rockwood Auto in the amount of \$420.

MOTION #7: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to award the bid to Rockwood Auto in the amount of \$420 for the Fire Truck tires.

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

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM MARCH 6TH THROUGH MARCH 19TH, 2026

MOTION #8: by Sorovetz seconded by N. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from March 6th through March 19th, 2026, written on checks 62481-62507, 62514-62524 and 2 EFT totaling \$86,178.08.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. CLERK'S PAYMENT OF BILLS 3/24/26

MOTION #9: by D. Masserant seconded by Swiercz to approve the Clerk's Payment of bills from 3/24/26 in the amount of \$11,465.17.

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

No: NONE

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4. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Demolition complete. Removing some prior electrical and running new duct work
- Project is currently on-schedule and a project plan has been requested to track progress.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee Sorovetz requested to extend the Data Center Moratorium another 6 months from the end of the original Moratorium which expires on May 24, 2026.

MOTION #10: by Gedelian 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: Gedelian, D. Masserant, Swiercz, Sorovetz

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long, N. Masserant

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #11: by Sorovetz seconded by Swiercz to extend the Data Center Moratorium another 6 months from the end of the original Moratorium which expires on May 24, 2026.

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

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long, N. Masserant

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #12: by Gedelian seconded by Sorovetz to bring N. Masserant back into the meeting.

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

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle Long, N. Masserant

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

- Trustee N. Masserant asked about the Parks and Rec Committee meeting.
- Treasurer D. Masserant asked to get different quotes for the Dump Day Dumpsters.
- Clerk Swiercz informed everyone that absentee voter ballots went into the mail today. Also, if you are going to mail ballots back into the office it should be done at a minimum of 1 week prior to the election to make sure the Clerk's office receives that ballot on time from the post office.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

4 residents spoke about the following:

- Residents from both Berlin and Frenchtown townships spoke about data center concerns.
- Drain issues
- Bugle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of the Easter holiday, the Township Offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, and Monday, April 6th, 2026.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #13: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Kellie Long, Kyle 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.

Gina Swiercz, Clerk

Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor