

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 04/13/2026

The Regular Meeting of the Berlin Charter Township Board was held at 7825 N. Dixie Hwy, lower level, 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, Treasurer Debbie Masserant, Trustees Kellie Long, Kyle Long, Neil Masserant, John Sorovetz.
Excused: Gina Swiercz

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance eight (8) residents and Kerry Bondy (Township Attorney) and Sheriff Troy Goodnough.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by D. Masserant seconded by Kellie Long to amend the agenda to add Sheriff report under Communication #1.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

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 (3/23/26) and the Berlin Charter Township Election Commission meeting minutes (4/9/26).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

1. MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT

MOTION #3: by Kyle Long seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the Monroe County Sheriff report on crime stats and trends within Berlin Township from 2023-2025.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

2. MONROE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION DRAINAGE REVIEW/ ASSESSMENT

MOTION #4: by Sorovetz seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the Monroe County Drain Commission drainage review/assessment.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

3. MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES/REPORT

MOTION #5: by D. Masserant seconded by Sorovetz to receive and file the March Board of Review minutes/report.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

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4. DTE CASE NO. U-22058

MOTION #6: by Kyle Long seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the DTE Case No. U-22058.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

5. DTE CASE NO U-22061

MOTION #7: by Sorovetz seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the DTE Case No. U-22061.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

1. SO. ROCKWOOD BASEBALL

MOTION #8: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to pay \$1,000.00 to the So. Rockwood baseball program.

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

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

2. NORTH PARK WATER LINE INVOICE

MOTION #9: by N. Masserant seconded by Kyle Long to have Hennessey Engineers pay half of the bill from All Phaze Construction (\$3,615.00), have Hennessey Engineers update the drawings of the lines, and also check with our insurance company.

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

No: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONS AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Dump Day had 150 residents participate.
- EGLE would like to put a monitoring system north of the power plant to test for radiation (24-hour testing). Needs a good location for this monitoring system.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT (3/2026)

MOTION #10: by Sorovetz seconded by Kyle Long to receive and file the Treasurer's report (3/2026).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL
Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE
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3. CLERK'S BUDGET REPORT (3/2026)

MOTION #11: by D. Masserant seconded by Kellie Long to receive and file the Clerk's Budget report (3/2026).

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

4. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS FROM MARCH 25th THROUGH APRIL 9th, 2026

MOTION #12: by Sorovetz seconded by D. Masserant to receive and file the Clerk's prepaid bills from March 25th through April 9th, 2026, written on checks 62536-62539, 62550-62562, 62563-62587 and 2 EFT totaling \$70,464.38.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

5. CLERK'S PAYMENT OF BILLS 4/14/26

MOTION #13: by Kyle Long seconded by Kellie Long to approve the Clerk's Payment of bills from 4/14/26 in the amount of \$6,293.39.

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

Excused: Swiercz

No: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Project is currently on-schedule and a project plan has been requested to track progress.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Thank you to Meijer for the tour and wanting to be a partner with us in the community.
- Trustee Kellie Long will be sending an email out about Brandon Road Clean up.
- Trustee N. Masserant asked how dump day went, also how to get gravel haulers to slow down on N. Dixie Hwy and Swan Creek Rd.
- Treasurer D. Masserant asked if we wanted to keep the Bugle name the same or change it. Decided to keep the name.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

Three (3) residents spoke about the following:

- Residents from both Berlin and Frenchtown townships spoke about data center concerns.
- Monroe County Bike & Pedestrian Connection.
- New building, elections, job descriptions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #14: by Kyle Long seconded by N. Masserant to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

Excused: Swiercz

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