

BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 09/14/2026

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, Clerk Denise Sovey-Meyer, Trustees Holly Hill-Kvicala, Laura Dolinski, Kelli Long and Neil Masserant.
Excused: Treasurer Mike Wrobel.

A quorum was present, the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance eight (8) residents, Jason Dobson (WWTP Superintendent) and Kerry Bondy (Township Attorney).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by Masserant seconded by Kvicala to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by Long seconded by Kvicala to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes for August 24, 2026, as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

DTE LETTER DATED 8-27-2026

MOTION #3: by Masserant seconded by Kvicala to receive and file communication number one, DTE Letter issued on August 27, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

NO: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

US TURNPIKE PRIVATE WATER LINE

MOTION #4: by Long seconded by Dolinski to approve the private water line request as recommended by Plant Superintendent Dobson with the conditions that all rules and regulations of the ordinance and Township Guidelines are followed; that proposed easements are reviewed by and deemed acceptable by the Township; that such easements include all parcels A through E

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in order to avoid future potential issues as to water service to parcel E and that in addition to the usual customary fees, the applicant shall be required to pay any additional costs incurred by the Township in accommodating the private water services via easements.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Meyer, Long, Dolinski, Gedelian, Masserant, Kvicala

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

FORREST AT POST INTERSECTION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT

MOTION #5: by Masserant seconded by Meyer to approve the Forrest at Post Road intersection cross tile/catch basin project not to exceed the amount of \$6,401 with 10% contingency utilizing the Maintenance Agreement Fund.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Kvicala, Dolinski, Masserant, Meyer, Gedelian, Long

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONS AND REPORT

1. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Due to the water main break in front of Fire Station #1, the asphalt buckled in front of the driveway and the curb needs repair. Quotes will be brought to the board for approval.
2. Supervisor is working on submitting to the County for the Township's ARPA reimbursement for the culvert work in our Township.

2. NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Electrical inspections by end of the week.
- Tentative move in date set for November 15, 2026.
- Spectrum work to be done in October.

3. CLERK'S PREPAID BILLS THROUGH 8/31/2026

MOTION #6: by Long seconded by Masserant to receive and file Clerk's prepaid bills through August 31, 2026 written on check numbers 3335-3339, 62999-63015, 63049-63108 and 3 EFT transfers for a total amount of \$281,502.28.

ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

4. CLERK'S PAYMENT OF BILLS 8/31/2026

MOTION #7: by Long seconded by Kvicala to approve the payment of bills through August 31, 2026 write on check numbers 63166-63178 in the amount of \$129,713.33.

ROLL CALL:

Yes: Kvicala, Long, Dolinski, Meyer, Gedelian, Masserant

No: NONE

EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

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BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee Long – Highlighted 9/11 and thanked all the Service Men and Women. She brought up the concern of the trucks from Stoneco and suggested having a meeting with Stoneco to work together on a plan.
- Trustee Masserant – Asked about the status on the blight at the gas stations located in Newport.
- Trustee Dolinski – Asked the board to consider moving the Building Department to the lower level of the new building so the proposed location on the main level can be leased out. She spoke on the progress she has made on seeking transportation for the Township residents, she would like the Township to purchase a van equipped with a wheelchair lift.
- Clerk Sovey-Meyer – Noted there will be an Election Commission Committee meeting on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 5:45 pm to appoint the election workers for the November 2026 General Election.

REQUEST TO SPEAK

- One resident spoke about Oppositions on the DATA Centers, also spoke on the progress of the Farmer's Market and is hoping it will be on track for next year.
- Two residents expressed their concerns about the trucks coming from Stoneco.
- One resident spoke on the increase of dirt bike riding by her house and the dangers of it. She mentioned she has called the Non-Emergency line for Monroe County several times to report it. The phone number for the Non-Emergency line is 734-240-7070.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #8: by Gedelian seconded by Dolinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM.

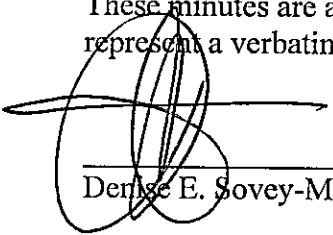
ROLL CALL: Yes: ALL

No: NONE

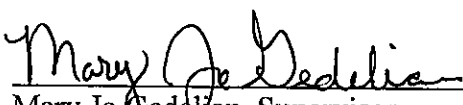
EXCUSED: Wrobel

MOTION CARRIED

These minutes are a synopsis of the comments made at a regular meeting and are not intended to represent a verbatim transcript.



Denise E. Sovey-Meyer, Clerk



Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor