BERLIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING 10/26/2026

The Berlin Charter Township Board held its Regular Meeting at 7825 N. Dixie Hwy, lower level, Newport, Michigan, and Supervisor Mary Jo Gedelian called it to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL: Supervisor Mary Jo Gedelian, Clerk Denise Sovey-Meyer, Treasurer Mike Wrobel, Trustees Laura Dolinski and Kelli Long, Holly Hill-Kvicala and Neil Masserant.

A quorum was present; the meeting proceeded. Also, in attendance were thirteen (13) residents and Kerry Bondy (Township Attorney).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION #1: by Long, seconded by Kvicala, to approve the agenda as presented.
ROLL CALL:
YES: ALL NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #2: by Masserant seconded by Wrobel to approve the Berlin Charter Township regular meeting minutes for October 13, 2026, as presented.
ROLL CALL:
YES: ALL NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS

DTE CASE NO. U-22080 & DTE CASE NO. U-22057
MOTION #3: by Long seconded by Kvicala to receive and file the communications being DTE Case No. U-22080 and DTE Case No. U-22057.
ROLL CALL:
YES: ALL NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

WWTP New Hire

MOTION #4: by Long, seconded by Meyer, to approve the hiring process of a full-time union utility service technician and to seek applications via our website and social media through November 6th, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Meyer, Long, Wrobel, Dolinski, Gedelian, Masserant, Kvicala

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

MORATORIUM EXTENSION

MOTION #5: by Meyer seconded by Wrobel to have Long and Masserant abstain from the voting of the Data Center Moratorium Resolution at their request.

ROLL CALL:

YES: ALL

NO: NONE

ABSTAINED: Long, Masserant

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION #6: by Gedelian, seconded by Meyer to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on Technology and Data Center Use Applications and Projects Through May 18, 2027.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Kvicala, Dolinski, Meyer, Gedelian, Wrobel

ABSTAINED: Long, Masserant

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS FOR UTILITIES

Supervisor Gedelian requested the board's consensus to proceed with the Utilities Resolution..

PROMEDICA'S LEASE EXTENSION

MOTION #7: by Gedelian, seconded by Wrobel, moved to approve the extension of ProMedica's Blood Lab for $1,726 through June 30, 2027.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Wrobel, Kvicala, Long, Dolinski, Meyer, Gedelian, Masserant

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION GENERAL FUND MILLAGE

MOTION #8: by Wrobel seconded by Meyer to adopt the General Fund Millage Resolution, totaling an estimated amount of $281,782.28, on October 26th, 2026.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Gedelian, Meyer, Wrobel, Long, Kvicala, Masserant

NO: Dolinski

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION STREET LIGHTING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

A. EAGLE POINT SUBDIVISION

MOTION #9: by Meyer seconded by Dolinski to adopt the Resolution for the Street Light Special Assessment District #SAD 2010-02, in the amount of $131.76 per lot, totaling $16,601.95.

ROLL CALL:YES: Meyer, Long, Wrobel, Dolinski, Gedelian, Masserant, Kvicala

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

B. NEWPORT CREEK SOUTH

MOTION #10: by Long seconded by Wrobel to adopt the resolution for the steet lighting special assessment district #SAD 2007-01 in the amount of $89.87 per lot, totaling $7,189.81.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Kvicala, Dolinski, Masserant, Meyer, Gedelian, Wrobel, Long

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

C. NEWPORT CREEK SOUTH PHASES 1, 2,3 and 5A

MOTION #11: by Wrobel seconded by Masserant to adopt the resolution dated October 26, 2026 for the street lighting special assessment district #SAD 21-01 in the amount of $31.49 totaling $10,108.86.

ROLL CALL:

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

NO: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

D. PHEASANT RUN PHASE 4

MOTION #12: by Masserant seconded by Kvicala to adopt the resolution dated October 26, 2026 for the street lighting special assessment district #SAD 2004-01 in the amount of $71.86 per lot, totaling $3,593.19.
ROLL CALL:
Yes: Gedelian, Meyer, Wrobel, Long, Kvicala, Dolinski, Masserant

NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION TAX LATE PENALTY FEE

MOTION #13: by Dolinski seconded by Gedelian to adopt the resolution dated October 26th, 2026 to waive the 1% administrative fee on the 2026 taxes and authorize the township treasurer to collect the 3% late penalty due on taxes paid February 15th, 2027, through February 28th, 2027.
ROLL CALL:
YES: Meyer, Long, Wrobel, Dolinski, Gedelian, Masserant, Kvicala

NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION FIRE PROTECTION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT 2022-01

MOTION #14: by Meyer seconded by Wrobel to adopt the Fire Fund Resolution Special Assessment District No. 2016-01, dated October 26th, 2026 totaling an estimated amountt of $803,729.42.
ROLL CALL:
YES: Kvicala, Dolinski, Masserant, Meyer, Gedelian, Wrobel, Long

NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

COMMISSIONS AND REPORT

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Dump Day took place on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Township served 157 residents and handled 14 trailers.

2. **Spectrum Contract for Fire Stations and the WWTP**
   MOTION #15: by Masserant, seconded by Long. Approving the Spectrum contract as presented for the WWTP and both fire stations, at a monthly charge of $790.00 and a one-time fee of $2,307.
   ROLL CALL:
   YES: Wrobel, Kvicala, Long, Dolinski, Meyer, Gedelian, Masserant

   NO: NONE
   MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

- Ray from Hennessey Engineers provided the Township Board with the following updates:
  - Installation is complete and scheduled for inspection.
  - Drywall work is scheduled to begin once the installation inspection has been passed.
  - Ray requested a detailed project timeline from the contractor.
  - Spectrum installation is approximately 80% complete.
- Trustee Masserant stated that he would like the contractor to attend the next Township Board meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Trustee Long spoke with Fire Chief Bob Cousino, and they would like to re-establish the Fire Committee meetings. Due to changes in the Township Board, the Fire Committee requires two additional board members

MOTION #16: by Meyer seconded by Wrobel to appoint Trustees Holly Hill-Kvicala and Laura Dolinski to the Fire Committee to fill the current vacancies.
ROLL CALL:
YES: ALL NO: NONE
MOTION CARRIED

- Trustee Kvicala reported that the second Maker's Market was successful, with 28 vendors and two food trucks in attendance.
- Trustee Dolinski inquired about the Fire Station signs and expressed interest in using them to advertise various Township events and activities.
- Clerk Meyer provided an update on voter turnout to date, including early voting and returned absentee ballots..

REQUEST TO SPEAK

- Several Residents spoke on Data Centers.
- One resident suggested that the fire station display information about the senior meetings on its signs..

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of Veterans Day, the Township Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. The office will also be closed to the public on Thursday, November 12, 2026, for staff training.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #17: By Wrobel, seconded by Meyer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM.

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.

Denise E. Sovey-Meyer, Clerk

Mary Jo Gedelian, Supervisor