

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.
PARIS, MI 49338
6:00PM
APPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00pm ROLL CALL Cushway, MacFarlane, Meads, Riebow, Thorne, Walsh, Kruse, present.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Resident asked questions about Gotion and litigation as well as expressed concerns about Mackinac Technology.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

1. Meads would like to add to Old Business, questioning our support letter for Mackinac Technology. Discussion was had on the appreciation of John Slagter coming to the last meeting to present information about his company. Thinks he jumped the gun and overstepped when I voted to support this. Uncomfortable with their relationship to the MEDC. Wants to wait until Master Plan survey comes back before making any decisions. A motion was made by Meads to table the letter of support to Mackinac Technology until results from Master Plan survey come back. Supported by Cushway. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Supervisor would like to put a packet together ASAP for snow plow bids. Would like to have it ready by the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
2. June Treasurer's Report
3. Sewer Department Report (Quarterly)
4. Legislative report, Jeff Jackson gave an update on new commissioner, mutual aid agreement, Eagle Village contract and metal detectors at County Courthouse. Also discovered the Tonkin Drain issue is out of the commissioner's hands. The Drain Commissioner has state power and there is nothing the county commissioners to do.
5. Planning and Zoning Report
6. Sheriff's Report

A motion was made by Thorne to approve the Consent Agenda. Supported by Walsh. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Lift Station Design. Discussion was had by the board concerning which design will be chosen to put out to bid for the Lift Station. Supervisor found out that the median is part of the right of way and owned by the county. The board needs to submit an application and plans to the county and will receive a lifetime lease from the county for the property. Supervisor would like to seek quotes from Wade Trim for the submersible pump for both above grade and below grade valves. A motion was made by Meads to proceed with Wade Trim on bids on submersible pump and get quotes for both on grade or below grade valve systems. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Clean Up Day 2026. Cushway was concerned about the price we paid this year for clean up day. Called Sam's Disposal and they think they can help. Get back to them in February to check their availability & get a quote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appoint New Parks and Rec Members. Discussion was had on creating the Master Plan and the need for a Parks and Recreation Committee. The supervisor would like to appoint 5 new Members of the Parks and Rec Committee, Steve Olin, Steve Lowry, Corri Riebow, Cindy Streeter and Cindy Postema. A motion was made by Thorne to appoint the proposed members to the Parks and Rec Committee. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Present Rate Study and quotes to the board. Supervisor stated that he is just presenting this to the board as an option. No action is needed at this time.
3. Plumb and tension discussion. The supervisor stated that concerning the "County" tower, JT Tower came in to check the tower and guide wires as the tower grounds were completely overgrown. We removed the trees and brush from around the tower. JT Tower found that the guide wires were out of spec and it took quite a bit to get them back into shape. The tech stated that back in 2015 when they did an inspection it was also very overgrown. Cushway wanted to clarify that the tower is on county property with a lease but the township owns the tower.
4. Opt-Out of Contracting with designated Assessor w/ County. Clerk explained that according to our assessor, there was a law passed around 3 years ago requiring the county to hire a designated assessor. The law has now changed and the county has the option to opt out of hiring the designated assessor. A motion was made by Meads to opt out of contracting a designated assessor with Mecosta County. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL: A motion was made by Walsh to approve checks 17040-17083 from GF and checks 4536-4545 from SF. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents thanked the board for working to put in a new lift station as well as rescinding the letter of support for Mackinac Technology. There is also a broken swing at Charlie Brown Park that needs repair. (Grounds Supervisor will inspect and repair asap). A resident also stated that they don't think anyone should be building anything on the Muskegon River Watershed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Thorne at 7:43pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Riebow', is written over the text 'Prepared by'.

Corri Riebow
Clerk of Green Charter Township
Mecosta County