

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP HALL, 21431 NORTHLAND DR.
PARIS, MI 49338
6:00PM
UNAPPROVED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Fire Contract with the City of Big Rapids. The final version of the Fire Contract was presented to the board. A motion was made by Kruse to approve the Fire Contract with the City of Big Rapids. Supported by Walsh. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Notice from Norwich Township Planning Commission regarding their intention to amend their Master Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
2. March Treasurer's Report
3. Sewer Department Report (Quarterly)
4. Legislative report- The District 5 seat was filled by Randy Lapreze. The Mecosta County Building construction will be complete soon and the EMS project/Pizza Hut Building demolition will begin soon.
5. Planning and Zoning Report
6. Sheriff's Report (did not receive)

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mecosta Conservation Hazardous Waste, Brook Baumann. Brook presented information about the Hazardous Waste Program to the board. A motion was made by MacFarlane to contribute \$1500 for the 2026 Mecosta County Hazardous Waste Program. Supported by Meads. Motion was passed on a vote of 2 Nays (Cushway, Walsh) and 5 Yays (MacFarlane, Meads, Riebow, Kruse)
2. Mowing Bids. The board reviewed all mowing bids received for the 2026 season. A motion was made by Thorne to retain Calvin Zimmerman, Mow Trim Blow for 2026. Supported by Cushway. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote. A motion was made by Kruse to draft an extension to Mow Trim Blow's contract for three years by the next meeting. Supported by Meads. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

3. Clean Up Day Bids. Clean Up Day will be held at Switzer's Sand and Gravel in Paris. Matt from M & M Lawncare will bring loaders for free. We still need to lock in dumpsters. Cushway mentioned that he contacted Grainger who quoted \$5700 with workers and dumpsters. A motion was made by Thorne to approve a cap of up to \$5000 for dumpsters or go with Grainger for \$5700. Supported by Meads. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Art Works Summer Program. Art Works would like to use the hall for one day for their children's summer program. Discussion was had concerning waiving the cost of the rental payment. A motion was made by Kruse to approve the use of the hall for the Art Works Summer Program and an anonymous resident paid the fee for the rental. Supported by Walsh. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Assessor's Contract. The Assessor's new contract would begin June 1, 2026 and end May 31, 2029. A motion was made by Kruse to approve the Assessor's Contract. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. Point Broadband METRO Act Extension. A motion was made by Kruse to approve the Point Broadband METRO Act Extension. Supported by Meads. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL: A motion was made by Walsh to approve checks 17340-17377 from GF and checks 4607-4613 from SF. Supported by Cushway. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A resident brought maple syrup for everyone attending the meeting. (Thank you!) A resident asked about a flyer that was near the agenda. Also wondered what was on the Zoning Report. Supervisor Kruse read the report. A resident asked about the Zoning Administrator working for BR Township, asked about a Zoning Board of Appeals and the amount spent on the lawsuit. Also had questions about the sewer project and who do you contact for potholes.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Riebow at 7:16pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

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Mecosta County