

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 12, 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, Riebow, Thorne, Walsh, Kruse, present. Meads absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT-None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Calvin Zimmerman-Amendment to mowing contract. A motion was made by Thorne to approve an amendment to Calvin Zimmerman’s mowing contract to include dates through 2028. The amendment states the following: “The mowing contract term shall extend from April through October of 2026-2028 and may be terminated at any time by either party. The maximum bid would remain the same all 3 years unless brought forth and negotiated with the board in a meeting.” Supported by MacFarlane. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Thorne requested an ISI update. Supervisor Kruse informed the board that the settlement that was awarded to the township had been paid in the amount of \$12,000 from ISI directly to our attorney for litigation fees. Cushway mentioned that it didn’t come close to paying what the township had to spend to defend itself against a frivolous lawsuit. Thorne mentioned that we won the lawsuit and that \$12,000 was from our judgement.

CORRESPONDENCE: Big Dam Bike Ride (registration is open, bigdambikeride@gmail.com)

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
2. April Treasurer’s Report
3. Sewer Department Report (Quarterly)
4. Legislative report-No report given
5. Planning and Zoning Report
6. Sheriff’s Report

Discussion was had on Zoning fees. Clerk will look up Zoning fee schedule.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. New Firm for Audit: A motion was made by Kruse to hire Lake Michigan CPA Services for the 2025-2026 Audit, up to \$8000. Supported by Cushway. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
2. Girl Scout Dry Food Pantry. Discussion was had concerning the details and placement of a dry food pantry proposed by the Girl Scouts. A motion was made by Riebow to approve the Girl Scout Dry Food Pantry with the exception of figuring out the location. Supported by Walsh. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
3. Treasurer's Newsletter: Discussion was had on once again sending out a newsletter with tax bills starting with Summer 2026.

FINANCIAL: A motion was made by Walsh to approve checks 17378-17411 from GF and checks 4614-4624 from SF. Supported by Thorne. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident wondered if Supervisor Kruse had received his email regarding the sewer. Discussion was had regarding the lift station. Kruse mentioned that Wade Trim reached out and asked if we would want to keep the old generator or give it to whoever removes it. He said we would keep the old generator.

A resident mentioned seeing the Eiffel tower lit up at Christmas time and wondered who does that. (Mecosta County Parks.)

MacFarlane mentioned that the parking lot needs some attention. Kruse stated he has been looking into this. A resident made a complaint about 23 mile road and that nothing has been done to the 2nd and 3rd miles in 30-40 years with the exception of filling in potholes. The Road Commission meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9am (next will be May 19st). The Clerk will reach out to the road commission to see if 23 Mile Road is on their project list.

Discussion was also had on prior road millages.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Riebow at 6:56pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

Corri Riebow
Clerk of Green Charter Township
Mecosta County