

**GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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

1. Thank you to our Grounds Superintendent, Tom Streeter for doing the cold pack to fill in the holes in the parking lot.
2. The educational workshop for the Planning Commission has been postponed and will be rescheduled. Hoping to have some dates by the next PC meeting.
3. The Supervisor brought the insurance renewal quote to the board. Discussion was had on keeping the policy the same or making any additions or changes. A motion was made by Meads to approve the Supervisor to renew the township insurance policy for up to \$21,000. Supported by MacFarlane. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.
4. Data Center Moratorium, the Supervisor brought this to the board as a reminder that the moratorium expires in December. The board can renew the moratorium for another 6 months and can later vote to renew an additional 6 months. MacFarlane wants to table the renewal for now so he can digest it. Clerk will add to Old Business next month.
5. Supervisor Kruse discussed the next budget workshop in January and would like the board to think about revenue and expenditures beforehand. The State Revenue Sharing is projected to come down by almost \$11,000. The township doesn't run on taxes because it keeps less than 6% of the taxes collected within the township. Discussed compensation for anyone working for the board and mentioned that the current board has not taken a raise since elected and does not plan to thought employees have been given raises. The Planning Commission has not been paid and Kruse wants people to be aware that more is happening in expenditures than they may be aware of. Recommends \$40/meeting for the PC but will be evaluated at the end of the fiscal year, March 31, 2027. Discussion continued on the budget.

CORRESPONDENCE-None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Previous Minutes
2. September Treasurer's Report
3. Sewer Department Report (Quarterly)
4. Legislative report, none given

5. Planning and Zoning Report, given by Zoning Administrator, Brent Mason.

6. Sheriff's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Snow Plow Bids: One closed snow plow bid was received by the Clerk's office. The Clerk previously reached out to multiple companies with the bid packet and also sent out a reminder email. Some discussion was had by the board concerning this bid from M & M Lawncare. They were hired for the winter of 2025-2026 with a bid of \$4800. Their bid for the winter of 2026-2027 is the same price. A motion was made by Meads to accept the bid submitted for this year by M & M and to ask what a price would be if we turned this into a 3 year contract. Supported by MacFarlane. Motion was passed on a 6-1 vote with an opposing vote from Cushway.
2. Planning Commission Wages: Discussed during Additions To Agenda #5.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Disinterment and Reinterment: In 2014 there was an improper burial in Parkhill Cemetery. The son of the deceased has been in contact with the Clerk over the last couple of months and it was determined that the deceased is in the wrong location and does need to be moved. The Clerk is in contact with a funeral director that will be overseeing this event and has also tried to reach out to the head of sanitation in Mecosta County for the permitting process. A vault company will also need to bring a new vault in case the current vault is cracked. Discussion was had on the fact that this was the township's mistake and the township will be responsible for the costs incurred with this move. A motion was made by Thorne to approve the township to spend up to \$5000 at Parkhill Cemetery to disinter and reinter the deceased. Supported by Meads. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

FINANCIAL: A motion was made by Kruse to approve checks 17577-17612 from GF and checks 4661-4668 from SF. Supported by Walsh. Motion was passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Comments were made by residents on Blight ordinances. Some discussion was had with ZA Mason as to the differences between a blight ordinance vs. a junk ordinance. Supervisor Kruse mentioned he has been in discussion with ZA Mason to figure out what will work best moving forward. There was also a question about the 2025-2026 Audit (Supervisor Kruse stated it was turned in on time and is on the state website.) Discussion was also had on the ITC Copperton Project potentially bringing high voltage lines through GCT. You can learn more and see their schedule of listening sessions at mifuturegrid.com/copperton-projects. A resident asked if the township is associated with Great Lakes Energy as there is work being done in his neighborhood. The Supervisor stated that other than a franchise agreement for them to go through the township, no. Questions were asked about Gotion, Wade Trim and the budget.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Riebow at 7:51pm to adjourn the meeting.

Prepared by

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Clerk of Green Charter Township
Mecosta County