

**Unapproved**

REGULAR July 11 2023, MEETING OF THE GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P. M.

THE SUPERVISOR LEAD THE BOARD IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT, ROLL CALL.

JAMES CHAPMAN	SUPERVISOR
JANET CLARK	CLERK
DENISE MACFARLANE	TREASURER
ROGER CARROLL	TRUSTEE
DALE JERNSTADT	TRUSTEE
GARY TODD	TRUSTEE

**MINUTES**

The clerk presented the minutes of the June 13, 2023 regular board meeting.

**MOTION** was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by G. Todd to accept the minutes of the June 13, 2023 board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED 6 yes**

**TEASURERS REPORT**

The treasurer presented the treasurer's report:

7-6-2023 General fund balance \$470,970.58

7-6-2023 Sewer fund balance \$606,957.38

**MOTION** was made by D. Jernstadt and supported by G. Todd to accept the treasurer's reports as presented in all funds. **MOTION CARRIED 6 YES.**

**SEWER REPORT**

Troy McDonald 5/27/2023- 6/29/23 the sewer report- 33 days

Reading 263137600

Total flow 863660

Average daily flow 26244

KW 417

KW Y.T.D. 2640

**OLD BUSINESS****BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPLACEMENT**

The board has 45 days to fill the trustee position.

Board member D. MacFarlane asked each applicant "Why do they want to serve on board of trustees".

Nominations were called for.

A nomination by D. Jernstadt was made for Sara Rasmussen with support from J. Clark to be the replacement and complete Jim Peek's trustee term on the board.

**MOTION CARRIED**, 4 yes D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane,

2 no G. Todd, R. Carroll.

Sara Rasmussen was sworn in and stepped into position.

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**LIBRARY DISCUSSION**

There was a discussion about Library Penal fines and a proposed millage for both Big Rapids Library and Reed City Library. Suggesting a 3/10 mill: to be split 2/10 Big Rapids Library and 1/10 Reed City Library  
263 current library cards Big Rapids City

45 current library cards for Reed City

By law the township cannot impose a millage for library unless voted on.

The township attorney will draft a resolution. Library proposal millage if done by August 1<sup>st</sup> it could be put on the November ballot.

**MOTION** was made by D. MacFarlane and supported by R. Carroll to approve the attorney prepare the documents for a millage referendum on the November 2023 election.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7 yes, S. Rasmussen, D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll**

**ROADS 3 PROJECTS ESTIMATES**

20 Mile gravel NLD to US 131

230 gravel 22 mile to Meceola Rd.

205<sup>th</sup> north of Hoover Road to Indian Drive, 2" overlay will last 10-20 years.

Mecosta County will brine 1 mile of road for all townships one time.

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by R. Carroll contract with Mecosta Co. Road Commission to pave 205<sup>th</sup> from Hoover Rd. to Indian Dr.

**MOTION CARRIED 7 YES** S. Rasmussen, D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

**PLANNING COMMISSION****GREEN CHARTER TOWNSHIP****MECOSTA COUNTY, MICHIGAN****ORDINANCE No. 01-2023-414 REFERENDUM BALLOT LANGUAGE**

Be it resolved that the Green Charter Township Board approves the following stated referendum ballot proposal and language for submission to Township voters at the November 7, 2023 election as follows:

Green Charter Township Planning Commission Referendum

On April 14, 2023 the Green Charter Township Board of Trustees adopted Ordinance No. 01-2023-414, titled "Ordinance to Establish a Township Planning Commission." The Ordinance is to establish the Charter Township of Green Planning Commission; to provide for the composition of the planning commission; to provide for the powers, duties and limitations of that planning commission; and to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with this ordinance.

Shall this Ordinance No. 01-2023-414 establishing a Township Planning Commission be approved?

Yes 7 No 0

Resolution offered by, Denise MacFarlane Support by, Sara Rasmussen

Roll Call:

Ayes: 7, S. Rasmussen, D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Resolution declared adopted at the July 11, 2023 Green Charter Township Board meeting.

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Janet Clark, Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Green Charter Township Board at a regular meeting held on July, 11, 2023.

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Janet Clark, Township Clerk

**Green Charter Township, Mecosta County  
Office of Township Clerk**

**CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES**

**PLANNING COMMISSION ORDINANCE REFERENDUM**

WHEREAS, I am the Township Clerk of Green Charter Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township timely received a petition to initiate a referendum on the Township's "Ordinance to Establish Township Planning Commission," being Ordinance No. 01-2023-414.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to MCL 125.3813 and MCL 168.488, the petition contains in excess of the 133 valid signatures required to submit the question of whether to approve or reject the Ordinance to the Township electors.

NOW THEREFORE, I do hereby certify the required 133 valid signatures received regarding the petition to initiate a referendum on the Township's "Ordinance to Establish Township Planning Commission", being Ordinance No. 01-2023-414, and request that the Township Board submit this Ordinance to the electors on November 7, 2023.

**Dated: July 11, 2023**

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**Janet Clark, Township Clerk**

**21431 Northland Dr  
Paris, Michigan 49338  
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**BOARD MEETING CHANGED TO AUGUST 1, 2023**

Because the August election will be held on **August 8, 2023** for the **Mecosta Co. Transit Authority Millage Proposal**.

**AUGUST 8, 2023 ELECTION INSPECTOR PAYROLL APPROVAL**

**MOTION** was made by J. Clark and supported by D. Macfarlane to pay the August 8, 2023 election workers prior to September board meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED 7 YES.** S. Rasmussen, D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

**EMAIL OPTIONS**

123EHOST has been the township's email services provider for years, volume has increased. There was a lengthy discussion.

All trustees should be on township emails, not own private.

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Proposed ISI internet 1200 gig \$600 all email stay - seamless move contract.

**MOTION** was made by J. Clark and supported by D. MacFarlane to contract with ISI for the township internet email service.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7 YES** S. Rasmussen, D. Jernstadt, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST-BENEFIT**

Labor Day, 2023 at Stone Hatchery Pavilion. ISI offered a donation of \$100.

A balance from last year \$200. All township board members volunteered to work the FREE Township Labor Day Breakfast.

**CLEANUP DAY EXPENSES**

**MOTION** was made by J. Chapman and supported by R. Carroll to allow Dale Jernstadt to abstained from voting on the payment for the frontend loaders.

**MOTION CARRIED, 7 YES.**

**MOTION** was made by R. Carroll and supported by J. Clark to pay \$100 per front end loader M&M (2) and Jernstadt Farms (1) for donating the front loaders for compacting the trash on cleanup day.

**MOTION CARRIED. 6 YES** S. Rasmussen, J. Clark, J. Chapman, D. MacFarlane, G. Todd, R. Carroll  
1 Abstained - D. Jernstadt

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

	7/11/2022	BUDGET AMENDMENTS					
							AMENDED BUDGET BALANCE
	ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL	BUDGET	AMENDED	NEW	BALANCE
	GENERAL FUND						
#1	101-289-826	ATTORNEY	\$12,626.52	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 13,700.00	\$ 1,073.48
	FROM						
	101-528-800	CONTRACT SERVICES C	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 7,785.49	\$ (3,700.00)	\$ 4,085.49	\$ 485.49

**MOTION** was made by R. Carroll and supported by G. Todd to approve the following budget amendments in the General.

**MOTION CARRIED 7 YES** Rasmussen, Jernstadt, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

**AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**MOTION** was made by G. Todd and supported by D. Jernstadt to approve payment of the bills:

**GENERAL FUND**

06/14/2023 –7/11/2023 CK# 15951- #15992 - \$44,177.60

**SEWER FUND**

06/15/2023–7 /11/2023 CK #4364- #4373 - \$3,759.86

**MOTION CARRIED 7 YES,** Rasmussen, Jernstadt, Clark, Chapman, MacFarlane, Todd, Carroll

**FYI**

Crapo Cemetery-Switzer indicated estimate \$15,000 plus \$1,000. Last drive of the township's three cemeteries to be upgraded.

MDOT easement Paris Creek appraisal should be completed by end of month with estimate of cost of easement across Paris Creek.

Board members of Gotion toured property this morning along with Ferris representatives, City Business leaders in Grand Rapids, reaffirmed the Gotion project. V.P of Gotion North America toured plant in China and reaffirmed the project moving forward.

Current estimate 715,000 gallons of water drawn. Reclamation of steam to reclaim, reduces water drawn from the well.

S. Rasmussen who was on the Board of Review is now on township board. The township will need to appoint someone on Board of Review, the current alternate may cover for the July Board of Review.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS****3 minutes each**

Randy Vetter Co. Commissioners reported Mecosta Co. will issue marihuana tax money checks. Road Commission will pay for 1 brine application. Hatchery was not included "maybe next year".

The following members of the public spoke:

Carlene Rose, Walter Eli, Tracy Ruell, Mark Bloxsam, Kelly Cushway, Tracey Thalen, Tim Hahn, Brenda Hall, Joe Percy, Deb Todd, Steve Lowery, Rhonda Lange, Tonya Wright, Lori Brock, Kathy Flemming, Matt, Jeff Thorn, Gary Benedict, Margorie Steele, Jessica Sharp, John Holdsworth, Todd McClain, Brandy Sweet, Debbie Dyre,

Janet Clark, Township Clerk

7/11/2023 9:12 P.M. meeting adjourned

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