

**BIG RAPIDS CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010  
HELD AT THE BIG RAPIDS TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m. McClelland, Winegar, Hamelund, O'Neil, Osburn, Smith present. Gilbert absent. All lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL APPEARANCE:**

Adam Gondolfi of Municipal Underwriters of Michigan reviewed the Townships Insurance Policy with the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Township resident Greg Nicheson of Indian Village spoke to the board regarding Highbanks park traffic which includes the Sawmill Canoe Livery turning around in his yard since the park is not open yet. A motion to have McClelland write a letter to the Sawmill regarding this was made by O'Neil. Seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the April minutes as printed was made by O'Neil. Seconded by Winegar. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT:**

A motion to approve the April Treasurer's report was made by O'Neil. Seconded by Osburn. Motion carried.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Utilities:**

Don Greiner and Steve Sobers were present to report to the Board on the water and sewer. Don Greiner presented the board with a written report as well. They did report that the City is going to be increasing their water rate, currently their rate is \$4.60 per 1000 gallons.

**Building Department:** None

**Cemetery:**

Written report was submitted to the Board

**Fire Department:**

Chief Butterfield reported to the board. He would like to ask the board to change his purchasing policy spending limit from \$500.00 to \$1000.00, no action at this time. Discussed with the board the need for new bay door openers. A motion to get quotes for six new door openers was made by O'Neil. Seconded by Osburn. Motion carried.

**Policies and Procedures Committee:**

Report given on the April meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Northland Drive Sewer Lift Station: Update on process

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Approval of Big Rapids Jaycee's Fire Works Permit for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Tabled  
Discussion regarding the 2010 budget. Per Hamelund, he asked the supervisor to take the lead on reducing the deficit. Supervisor advised the township has never spent what was budgeted in the past 40 years and this 41<sup>st</sup> year was going to be no different and that he was concerned about nothing.

Discussion regarding the 2011 budget. McClelland agreed to have the 2011 proposed budget submitted to the board by September 1, 2010.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

A motion to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$36,589.83 was made by Winegar. Seconded by Smith. Motion carried on roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned.

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Clerk

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Supervisor