

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2026**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Hodges called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Treasurer Theile

**Present:** Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Hodges

**Excused Absent:** None

**Also Present:** Police Chief VanDommelen, Fire Chief Attig, Deputy Fire Chief Grabinski, Finance Director/Deputy Treasurer Joslyn, Building Official Kempf, Planning/Zoning Administrator Werschem, County Commissioner Nash and 11 guests. Meeting was recorded and labeled the March 2, 2026 regular Board meeting.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** March 2, 2026

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Bowen to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

**Motion Carried**

**D. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**E. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Browsers to approve the consent agenda with the correction of the adjournment motion.

Unanimous Voice Vote

**Motion Carried**

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Consideration of Zoning Department Software, ViewPro**

It was moved by Trustee Jurecki and second by Trustee Grabinski to remove from table.

7 – Yeas: Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

**Motion Carried**

Discussion took place between board members.

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the contract with ViewPro contingent on being a 3-year contract instead of 5-year.

7 – Yeas: Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None

**Motion Carried**

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Weekly Check Runs and Total of all Checks \$198,926.54**

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Bowen to approve payment of weekly and bi-weekly bills of \$198,926.54 from the appropriate accounts.

7 – Yeas: Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Bowen, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **2. Approval to Purchase Four Portable Radios**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Trustee Jurecki to approve the purchase of 3 Motorola APX 6000 portable radios not to exceed \$20,000.00

7 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Bowen, Jurecki, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **3. Approval to Raise Evidence Room Manager Hourly Rate**

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Treasurer Theile to approve the raise for the Evidence Room Manager to \$25.00 per hour.

7 – Yeas: Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **4. Approval of Letter of Understanding Regarding Fire Inspector**

It was moved by Trustee Bowen and second by Treasurer Theile to approve to LOU with regarding the Fire Inspector working shifts.

7 – Yeas: Browsers, Grabinski, Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **5. Approval to Hire Full Time Equipment Operators**

It was moved by Clerk Westbrook and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve hiring Shane Nesbitt, Michael Colborn and Travis Meeuwenberg as Equipment Operators starting on March 15, 2026 and at the salary and benefits in the CBA with Local 4132.

7 – Yeas: Grabinski, Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **6. Approval to Hire Administrative Assistant, Clerk's Department**

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Grabinski to approve hiring Ashley Ferrier starting on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> and starting wage of \$23.07 per hour.

7 – Yeas: Bowen, Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

### **7. Approval to Hire Administrative Assistant, Code Compliance Department**

It was moved by Treasurer Theile and second by Trustee Bowen to approve hiring Kristen Almyda starting on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and starting wage of \$23.07 per hour.

7 – Yeas: Jurecki, Westbrook, Theile, Browsers, Grabinski, Bowen, Hodges

0 – Nays: Absent: None **Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS: *continued***

**8. Consideration of Resolution No. 26-04 Opposing Local Preemption**

It was moved by Trustee Grabinski and second by Treasurer Theile to approve Resolution 26-04.

MUSKEGON CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE PREEMPTION OF LOCAL ZONING AUTHORITY  
THROUGH THE PROPOSED HOUSING READINESS PACKAGE

**WHEREAS**, townships in Michigan are granted zoning and land use authority pursuant to the Michigan Zoning

Enabling Act, Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, township boards are elected by local residents to make decisions that reflect the unique character,

infrastructure capacity, fiscal realities, environmental conditions, and long-term planning goals of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed “Housing Readiness” legislative package would preempt or limit local authority

over zoning and development decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, housing markets, infrastructure systems, and development patterns vary significantly across

Michigan, and a one-size-fits-all statewide framework cannot adequately account for the diverse needs of rural, suburban, and urban communities; and

**WHEREAS**, preemption of local zoning authority circumvents the role of locally elected officials and reduce the ability of townships to balance growth with infrastructure capacity, public safety services, environmental protections, and fiscal responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, many townships are actively addressing housing supply and affordability through master planning, zoning updates, public-private partnerships, and infrastructure investment, efforts which require flexibility and local discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, meaningful housing solutions require partnership, resources, and investment rather than the removal of local decision-making authority;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board of Muskegon Charter Township formally opposes any legislation within the proposed Housing Readiness package that preempts or limits local zoning and land use authority; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Muskegon Charter Township urges the Michigan Legislature to preserve local control and instead work collaboratively with townships to provide tools, resources, and infrastructure investment necessary to support responsible housing growth across the state; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Muskegon Charter Township urges Senator Bumstead and Representative Snyder to support local control and vote in opposition of any legislation preempting local control; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Michigan, and the appropriate legislative committees considering this legislation.

**NEW BUSINESS: *continued***

7 – Yeas: Westbrook, Theile, Browers, Grabinski, Bowen, Jurecki, Hodges

0 – Nays:

Absent: None

**Motion Carried**

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Bowen thanked Treasurer Theile for helping with the food drive.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Trustee Jurecki and second by Trustee Grabinski to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Hodges, Supervisor

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Carrie Westbrook, Clerk